

Canada and its Condition.

Sir Charles Tupper at Birmingham.

Sir Charles Tupper said he had great pleasure in responding to the invitation of the Mayor to second the vote of thanks to the Marquis of Lorne. The Mayor had rightly said that although Canada had had the good fortune to be presided over by Governor-Generals of the highest character and standing, and had in the past seen many fortunate days, in no similar period in her history had she progressed with the wonderful rapidity which had marked the five years' administration—the too brief period during which the Marquis of Lorne presided over the destinies of the country—(applause.) He might be permitted to avail himself of the opportunity afforded him that afternoon of showing by evidence of the most incontrovertible character—

THE STATISTICS OF THE COUNTRY

—the truth of this statement. He knew that after the interesting speech which they had listened to, figures might be considered dry and uninteresting, but he was nevertheless disposed to believe that a very brief statement of some of the facts that bore out the statement the Mayor had made as to

THE WONDERFUL PROGRESS

made by Canada during the last few years would not be uninteresting to that great assembly. The trade of the country—the imports and exports of Canada—in the year in which the Marquis of Lorne was appointed Governor-General—1878—and he would take five years from 1878 to 1883 for the purpose of contrast—the trade in 1878 amounted to \$172,500,000. He referred to dollars rather than state the amount in pounds, sterling, because the public accounts of the country were kept in that form. In the year that his lordship vacated his high position—1883—the returns amounted to no less than \$550,000,000, showing an increase of \$77,500,000. [Applause.] In the year 1878 the revenue of the country was \$22,517,000, and in 1883 it had risen to \$35,888,000, being an increase of \$13,370,000. [Applause.] Perhaps no one class of statistics gives a better or more conclusive indication of the substantial progress of the country and of the condition of the great masses of the people inhabiting it than the balance due to the depositors in the Government Savings Banks; and it must be understood that the figures which he was going to quote represented only a portion of the savings of the people, because large amounts were deposited in private savings banks and in private banking institutions outside the Government Savings Banks. In the Government Savings Banks alone there was deposited, in 1878, the sum of \$8,500,000; in 1883 the balance due to depositors had risen from this amount to \$26,000,000, giving an increase of \$17,500,000.

IN THE TOWN OF WINNIPEG,

to which the Marquis had alluded, and the population of which increased from 5,000 in 1878, when his lordship went to Canada, to 30,000 in the present year, when he relinquished the seals of his distinguished position, the balance due to depositors in the Government Savings Banks was \$64,414, whereas, in 1883 it was \$1,018,000. These figures showed the large increase of \$953,586—(applause.) The value of the fisheries of Canada in 1878 was \$13,378,486; by 1883 their value had risen from this sum to \$16,824,072. The number of letters that passed through the Post Office department in Canada in 1878 was 50,500,000; the number of letters and post cards that passed through the department in 1883 was 67,500,000, this number exceeding by 17,000,000 the number carried in the year when the Marquis of Lorne became the Governor-General of Canada. The immigration to Canada—that most vital question to which the Marquis had directed their attention—afforded one of the most striking instances possible of the wonderful progress that Canada is making. In 1878 the number of immigrants—exclusive of those who went to Canada with the intention of proceeding west—who arrived at Canada was 29,807, which number had risen in 1878 to 112,488 in a single year—(applause.) The very great increase of 82,681 was shown by these figures—(applause)—and he might mention that down to the 31st of October in the present year there was an increase of 17,000 in the same period over the figures that he had quoted—(hear, hear.) He did not intend to dwell upon these evidences, striking as they were, of the wonderful progress Canada had made and was still making; but as the Marquis had referred to the subject, he might make a few observations regarding that great national work

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

No one who had cast his or her eyes over the map that hung behind him and observed the extent of the Dominion could fail to perceive that it was of vital importance to the prosperity and progress of the Dominion that there should be an inter-oceanic line of railway. The great question of the construction of such a railway had been grappled with. He might say it was during the Marquis of Lorne's administration, he might say it was partly owing to His Lordship's inspiration, that the Government of Canada was enabled in 1881 to make a contract to secure the construction of that line of railway for 2,500 miles. (Applause.) When his lordship went to Canada in 1878 there was not a mile of that line in operation, whereas, when he resigned the seals of his high office, he had the satisfaction of knowing that 1,750 miles had been completed, and that arrangements had been made for the completion by the end of 1885, and the opening in the spring of 1886, of that great inter-oceanic line of railway. (Applause.) The line would remain as a mark upon the face of the country to indicate the red-letter period in the history of the country when it had the good fortune to be presided over by the Marquis of Lorne; and when the history of Canada came to be written the brightest page in it would be the page which described the five years' administration of the Marquis.

FOR THE WEST.—Messrs. Weeks and Crosswell for Seattle, Washington Territory; Messrs. Joseph and Wm. Haslam for Astoria, Oregon; and Joseph McDonald for San Francisco, Cal. They purchased their tickets from W. A. Faught, Ticket agent, office Queen Street and St. Lawrence Hotel.

The Boundary Dispute.

The Governments of Ontario and Manitoba have agreed to refer the boundary dispute to the Privy Council of Great Britain. Ontario claims that the westerly boundary of that Province is either the meridian of the north-westerly angle of the Lake of the Woods or a line west of that point. Manitoba claims that the boundary between that Province and the Province of Ontario, is the meridian of the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The Privy Council is asked to decide (1) whether the award of the arbitrators is binding? if not (2), what is the true boundary? (3) whether legislation is needed to make the decision binding? and if so (4) whether Acts should be passed by the Legislatures of Ontario, Manitoba and the Dominion, or an Act by the Imperial Parliament?

Items from Souris.

The usual examination of Coiville District School took place on last Thursday. The trustees and a few visitors were present. The teacher, Mr. L. Brehaut, conducted the examination of the fifty scholars who attended. On the whole, the pupils displayed a commendable amount of education. Some improvement might be made in writing; the reading was generally satisfactory, and in arithmetic, geography, and some other branches, the pupils were evidently proficient. A very good map of the Dominion has been added to the furniture, and it is intended to procure the services of an assistant teacher as soon as possible.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the 19th and twentieth, the Sisters of the Convent, held their Christmas Tree, and the results of their labors have been very satisfactory in every way. People of every creed and all classes in the community, vied with each other in having a good time. The whole arrangements were very attractive, and everything passed as pleasant and merry as "wedding bells." Every now and then sweet music greeted the ear, when the little ones gathered round the organ, and their voices blended in pretty harmony full of glee and happiness. Tables were plentifully spread with a large variety of articles to be purchased or carried off as prizes. Trees decorated with all sorts and sizes of anything and everything, lit up with Chinese lanterns, and displaying a wonderful variety of colors, added immensely to the sight. The hungry and thirsty need know no want, for tables are well set with ample refreshments. Young ladies went their way in and out among the throng, and with pleasant words of burning earnestness, they appeal for your name 'to win a bride,' or don 'a pair of earrings,' and it is hard, very hard to refuse—they are almost always successful. A colored gentleman, lovingly taken care of by some white brother, or gentle sister, greets you with a smile, broad as his countenance, you look at him and laugh, but he does not say a word; just going around with head proudly erect, and eyes of anxious expectation, his hand ever open to receive some little gift, you satisfy the implied desire, and his delight becomes so intense that with one quick motion of his arm, he sends every blessed coin he gets into his capacious mouth and they soon disappear, his eyes rolling under the tremendous effort. It was wonderful the penance he displayed for such food, and certainly he was not allowed to starve. On the "fishing ground" many a merry laugh greeted all around. Staid officials hooked jumping jacks in the box, bachelors pulled up baby cribs, men hauled in needle books, ladies caught all sorts of arrangements *ad infinitum*, and everybody was satisfied. Young men, the sturdy possessors of good number tens, suddenly became the owners of little slippers, fitted only for the tiniest specimens of humanity, and they would gaze at them in bewildered wonder, and it was amusing to see the innocent smile which would overspread the countenance of some bright Orlando, who found himself supplied with a pair of earrings or some other article of jewelry, which he stowed away in a kind of "name of goodness what will I do with them" style, but sweet-hearts looked happy just then. Every one seemed happy, everything passed pleasantly, all were satisfied. It was something like a foretaste of the joys of Christmas, and something fitted to the character of a happy holy time, this helping of a noble devoted sisterhood in their work of faith and self-denying love.

The heaviest snowstorm of the season, so far, visited us last Saturday, making travelling unpleasant and business dull. All day long snow flakes abounded in a whirling blinding mass, clothing everything with a mantle of white.

On last Thursday evening, the Rev. G. W. Hodgson held a Church of England Mission service in the Presbyterian Church, to which he had been invited by the Pastor, the Rev. J. G. Cameron. The Rev. Gentleman preached impressively upon "Good Tidings of Great Joy," applying the lessons of his text to Christian life and conduct, and delivering a discourse fitted to the season of Christmas. We are glad to know that the Rev. Mr. Hodgson intends to visit Souris again this winter, if he possibly can.

Hickman Lodge of Good Templars still keeps adding to its numbers such as determine to live a life of temperance. The Meetings of this Lodge grow more and more interesting. A right spirit actuates its members; they pull well together. Their hour or two of meeting, once a week, is a time well spent. We understand it is intended by this Lodge to co-operate with one or two other Lodges in the neighborhood, in starting a temperance journal, which may possibly lead to King's County having a paper of its own, given to the advocacy of the Temperance cause. "Editors" are appointed and the work commences shortly.

Last Friday will be remembered by temperance advocates in Souris, as a red letter day in their cause. Although the weather was anything but inviting, and the hall not very comfortable (which could not be helped) a good audience assembled to hear the Rev. G. W. Hodgson upon "The Evils of Intemperance, and Their Remedy: True Temperance Work." At 8 o'clock the Rev. D. F. McDonald, P. P., President of the Souris Branch, took the chair. Upon the platform and in the body of the hall, we had the Very Rev. Dr. McDonald, V. G., Georgetown, Rev. Mr. Kinlay, West River; Rev. Father Gillis, East Point; Rev. J. J. Colter and Rev. J. G. Cameron, both of Souris. Many ladies gave their presence in support of the cause, and some of our leading merchants were present to support

ago the good work. Besides all these the hall was well filled with good men and true from among the life-blood of the community, the hardy sons of toil, men who earn their bread with the true nobility of honest labor and when they will it, are the backbone of every good cause as well as the mainstay and support of national industry and prosperity. The meeting was a highly successful one, an honor to Souris and the cause of temperance. The rev. gentleman, who had come from Charlottetown, and was the principal speaker at the meeting, occupied an hour with an address, which all who heard it can hardly fail to remember. As Father Dan expressed it "with an eloquence peculiarly his own," he brought before our minds the terrible evils of intemperance. Reason, intelligence, common sense, and religion were all brought forward on the side of true temperance. Point after point was eloquently enforced, and argument after argument was brought into play with telling power. Liquor dealers were appealed to to come forward on the platform like men and advocate their own side of the question, if they were fully satisfied that their traffic led to the happiness and prosperity of the people. Temperance men were urged to continue on nobly and faithfully in the cause they had espoused. Men should take either one side or other, and not adopt the mean and cowardly course of remaining neutral where interests of the highest importance are at stake. The arguments of those who advocated the granting of licenses were examined and refuted in a most convincing manner. Every true interest of our manhood was on the side of true, hearty, earnest temperance, beginning at the very lowest point, our pockets, and ascending upward and onward to the Great Day when the immortal souls of all men should appear before the bar of God to answer for the deeds done in the body. Terrible as it was to think of a man who had robbed himself of position, health, character, reason, and had brutalized himself by the use of intoxicating drinks, he would rather be such a one, standing before the judgment seat of God, than appear there as the cause of all this misery and crime, the liquor dealer, who carried on his horrible and damnable traffic, making money by ruining his fellow man. All this, and much more, was ably urged upon the consideration of his audience by the rev. speaker, who before he concluded his address, requested a promise from all present that they would at least abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks during Christmas and New Year.

The President asked the audience to signify their intention to abstain during Christmas and New Year, and a large number rose up and held up their right hands in promise to so abstain. Very Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Georgetown, was the next speaker, and in a short speech, both humorous and earnest, he spoke to the customs of by-gone days, some thirty or forty years ago, when drinking was more fashionable than now, comparing that time with this, to show the change which had taken place in the drinking customs of the people. He closed his remarks with an appeal on behalf of individual temperance, pointing out the advantages of genuine total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors.

Rev. J. C. Colter felt inspired and strengthened by the eloquent address delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hodgson, to go on fighting with perseverance and determination in the cause of temperance. By every possible means, both by moral suasion and the strong arm of the law, men must be guarded against the evils of intemperance, and the liquor traffic suppressed.

Rev. Mr. Kinlay, in a neat speech proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. George W. Hodgson, which was seconded by the Rev. Father Gillis. On being put to the meeting by the chairman, the Rev. D. F. McDonald, it was carried unanimously and heartily applauded. The Rev. Mr. Hodgson replied warmly, expressing the great pleasure it gave him to be present on behalf of the temperance cause, and thanking the meeting for the good order and attention displayed by such a representative and large audience.

Mr. Gabriel McDonald made a very creditable speech, in many respects. He said he knew very well the evils of intemperance, pointed out what he considered to be the shortcomings of temperance workers in the way of enforcing the Scott Act, asking why it was some parties were hunted down and prosecuted time after time, and others who were doing more harm than "the quiet, inoffensive man" he referred to, were hardly troubled! He advised them to go for the other places where most liquor was kept, and to have men of principle and earnestness in their ranks, who were not going to make fish of one and flesh of another. Mr. McDonald's speech was well received; and several temperance men have since expressed their pleasure at much he said, and consider that with Mr. McDonald in their ranks as a temperance worker, they would have "the right man in the right place." They hope to hear him again, and would gladly welcome him into the ranks, should he decide to become a real temperance worker.

LANCASTER. Souris, Dec. 24, 1883.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

VERY SATISFACTORY IN PROSTRATION. Dr. P. P. Gilmarin, Detroit, Mich., says: "I have found it very satisfactory in its effects, notably in the prostration attendant upon alcoholism."

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

LOST—On Friday last, a RED SETTER PUP DOG, with white face. The finder will be rewarded by returning the same to W. C. Hooker. [de24 2]

WANTED—To Lease for a term of years, a Cottage, centrally located. Enquire at this office. [de21 11]

TO LET—Warehouses to let on Lord's Wharf. Apply to W. W. CLARKE. [de20]

TO LET—Part of House opposite Railway Station. Enquire at this office. [de19]

BOOKBENDERS.—Mrs. Robert Rodd, has removed to the house of Mr. C. Hearty, Easton Street, where she can accommodate a number of Bookbinders, on reasonable terms. [de19]

XMAS & NEW YEAR

OUR STOCK OF GROCERIES, at the Fish Market, is now complete, and we will sell, during the Holidays, very low. An inspection is solicited. Quality and price is sure to satisfy.

J. H. MYRICK.

Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1883.—6i wklv

D. A. BRUCE,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

[S OVER-STOCKED with the following GOODS, and offers them at a

REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT.

Gents' Woollen Underwear, Flannel Shirts, Fur Caps, Kid Mitts, Sleigh Robes

OVERCOATINGS,

WHICH YOU CAN HAVE

MADE TO YOUR MEASURE

Cheaper Than Imported Ready Made.

D. A. BRUCE,

Dec. 20, 1883.—eod wklv

72 Queen Street, Charlottetown.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

—FOR—

Xmas and New Year's Gifts,

—AT—

G. H. TAYLOR'S!

NEW PATTERNS in Silver Ware, Gold Lockets and Necklets, Colored Gold Sets, Gold-Plated Brooches, Ear-rings, etc.

Bargains in Silver Jewelry, as I am closing out this line of Goods.

North Side Queen Square, Charlottetown.

Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1883.—6i wed fri sat wklv li

THE CHARLOTTETOWN

FLOUR, FEED AND PROVISION,

SITUATE ON

South Side Queen Square, near Queen Street,

HAVE to announce that they have on hand the following goods, which they are prepared to sell at reasonable prices and in quantities to suit purchasers;

Flour (Superior Extra, Strong Bakers' and Patent)

OATMEAL, CORNMEAL, BRAN, SHORTS, OATS,

CRUSHED FEED, either Oats and Barley or Oats, Barley and Corn. APPLES, which will be sold by the barrel or by the pound, at rates very little over barrel prices.

Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1883.

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Christmas Presents

AND REQUISITES,

—AT—

WATSON'S DRUG STORE!

STAIN-LINED Dressing Cases, for Ladies; Leather Dressing Cases, for Gentle men; Odor Cases, in Flush, Leather, Cardboard, Wood and Tortoise Shell; Painted Puff Boxes. Cut Glass and other Toilet Bottles; Smelling Bottles; Florence and other Hand Mirrors; Pocket Toilet Cases, Porcelain Feeding Cups, etc., for invalids; Walking Sticks, Pipes; Beautiful fine Leather Cigar & Cigarette Cases, Pocket Books.

Fly Books, Painted Shaving Bugs, Razors, Stropps, Magnifying Shaving Mirrors, Whisks, Playing Cards, Spectacles, Fine sponges; Cloth, Nail and Shaving Brushes, in variety; Exquisite Soaps, in boxes; Sachet Powder.

A large assortment of Choice Perfumes and Toilet Waters, at every price and a great variety of all Toilet Articles & Preparations.

—ALSO—

Guava, Orange, Calves' Foot, Red and Black Currant Jellies; Marmalade, Olives, Pickles and Sauces, Candied Peels, Spices, Baking Powders, English Confectionery, Currants, Baking Soda, Cream of Tartar, Ess. Coffee, Capers, Currie Powder, Gelatine, Sage, Tapioca, Arrow-root, Cocoa, Broma, Chololate, Corn Starch, Candied Ginger, Flavoring and Coloring Extracts, Macaroni, Vermicelli, etc., etc.

CITY DRUG STORE, QUEEN STREET.

Ch'town, Dec. 16, 1883.—6i sat

An Entertainment

will be given in the Basement of the METHODIST (BRICK) CHURCH,

Wednesday, 26th instant,

—BY THE— SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHOIR.

Doors open at 7:30; commence at eight o'clock. Admission, 15 cents. Dec. 22, 1883.

CHOICE TEAS,

VERY CHEAP,

—AT THE—

LONDON HOUSE,

—BY THE—

Chest, Half-Chest and Quarter-Chest,

5, 10, 15 AND 26 POUNDS.

Ch'town, Dec. 24, 1883.—1m eod wklv

P. E. Island Railway.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS, at One First Class Fare, will be issued to and from all Stations on this Railway, on 29th and 31st December, instant, and on 1st January, prox., good to return up to and including January 7th, 1884.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 22, 1883.—pat

Notice to Consignees

IMPORTERS expecting Goods by the Dominion steamer "Northern Light," via Pictou Landing, will please send to the Freight Agent of the Intercolonial Railway at Pictou Landing, D. Bain, Esq., orders to ship by steamer "Northern Light."

ARTEMAS LORD, Agent Dept. Marine and Fisheries. Ch'town, Dec. 24, 1883.—9i

CURLING.

A MEETING of gentlemen interested in forming a Curling Club will be held at the Rankin House, on Saturday evening next. Chair will be taken at eight o'clock. All interested in the "Roarin' Game" are invited to attend. Ch'town, 1st Dec. 24.

Tenders for a Church.

THE Building Committee of the Baptist Church at Uigg will receive Tenders for the building of a Church at Uigg, according to plans and specifications to be seen at Capt. S. McNeil's, Kent Street, Charlottetown, till the 4th of January next; and after that date at Mr. George Forbes', Vernon River Bridge, till 22nd January next. Tenders to be addressed to Mr. George Forbes', Vernon River Bridge, on or before the 25th January next, accompanied by names and addresses of two good securities to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of the contract. The committee not to be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

NORMAN McLEOD, Chairman of Committee. Orwell, Dec. 24.—31 wv 2i

MASONIC DINNER,

ST. JOHN'S DAY,

(DECEMBER 27, 1883)

AT THE RANKIN HOUSE.

Tickets can be obtained from the following Committee:—S. W. Crabbe, A. N. Large, T. A. McLean. Ch'town, Dec. 22, 1883.

SMOKERS, BEHOLD!

WE OFFER one hundred Cigar Holders, in cases, marked a dollar, for 25 cents each.

From now until 2nd January we have marked our immense stock of BRIAR PIPES at 15 per cent. discount.

A few A1 MEESCHAUM PIPES for Xmas Gifts. Every one warranted.

A fine assortment of WALKING STICKS.

FRASER & REDDIN.

Opposite Post Office. Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1883.—10i

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, a Special Passenger Train will leave Charlottetown daily (Sundays excepted), for Georgetown, at 4:15 p. m.; and will leave to return on arrival of "Northern Light" from Pictou, calling at all Regular Stations going and returning.

When this Train has Foreign Mails, the driver will sound two long and two short blasts of the engine whistle when approaching Charlottetown.

JAMES COLEMAN, Supt. Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1883. [Her pres ne 2i

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