

THE DAILY EXAMINER. MAY 1, 1884.

The Proposed Educational Tax.

It is now seen that the continued expansion of expenditures must be prevented, or taxes must be laid on. If this expansion cannot be prevented without dereliction of public duty, the people will, we are sure, cheerfully submit to taxation; but consistently with the demands of public duty, the expenditures of the Government of this Province must be kept as low as possible.

It will be readily admitted that the present Administration have honestly tried to do this. But they have, hitherto, been unable to secure the reduction of the Legislature; and, though they succeeded in saving a small amount by the judicious amalgamation of the Prince of Wales College and the Normal School, they have been quite unable, governed by existing law, to control the cost of education.

The people should, in our opinion, insist upon the reduction of the Legislature; and consider well as to what course it would be best to take in order that the cost, to the public, of education may be kept down.

In Charlottetown, where the owners of property complain that the burdese is not fairly distributed, it has been proposed that a special educational tax shall be levied upon all householders. But the provisions of the Bill submitted to the Legislature was—as we have already pointed out—illusory. It was provided that a levy, not to exceed one-third of one per cent., should be made on the occupiers of property for educational purposes; and it was, we presume, intended that the levy for general purposes should, in consequence, be one-third of one per cent. less.

But as all the honest occupiers of property now contribute, either directly or indirectly, to the general revenue of the city, it is quite clear that the property-owners would not be at all benefited by the change; while default would, in all probability, be made by at least some dishonest tenants, and the city would, by so much, be short of the amount required to meet its expenditures. This would never do; and, besides, it is absurd that for the payment of a levy upon property, the city should be dependant upon a mere occupier, who may be thrifless and dishonest—here to-day and away to-morrow.

No. The special educational tax should, in our opinion, be levied, not upon property, but upon pupils actually attending the schools—pupils over a certain age—pupils studying the higher branches of learning. The parents and guardians of those who personally receive special advantages from the public schools should be obliged to pay the special educational tax. A boy or girl who has attended the schools for five years should be held to have received all the education which the State should impart; and if those who have charge of him or her choose to send him or her a longer time, they should pay fees. Again, those who study the dead or foreign languages, or mathematics or drawing, or any of the numerous "higher branches," should be called upon to pay such fees as the trustees, in their wisdom, might impose. Thus the special educational tax would be levied on a principle of strict justice; thus the funds of the Board of Trustees would be replenished, and thus property owners who have no children would be relieved—at least to some extent—of the imposition of having to maintain schools for the education of other people's children.

In this way, too, if we mistake not, may be found the best means of solving the educational question in which the Province at large is concerned. We can't afford to reduce our standard of education. We must have means of imparting the "higher branches" of learning. We must have well-trained and cultured teachers. We must, consequently, have a high class Normal School; and, if so, we must pay the masters in that school good salaries. Good workmen should receive good wages; and, whatever other people may say about the wages of the other teachers, we are prepared to say that it is shameful that a native born Islander of the ability and character of Mr. T. A. LePage should receive a salary so low in comparison with the salary of his fellows. The attention of the Leader of the Government has, we are aware, been directed to this matter; and we trust that the year, which will close in the course of a month or two, will be the last in which this injustice shall exist. At all events, the expense of the College and Normal School cannot be materially reduced. But those who benefit by special instructions in the higher branches taught throughout the country, are now in a position to contribute special fees in consideration of such instruction. Concurrent with an increased desire for something more than the ground-work or elements of education, there is greater wealth; and, as a rule, those who at present take, and who will continue to take, advantage of the means of instruction in the higher branches, are precisely those who have the most wealth.

If this plan were adopted, the supplements might be dispensed with and the fees paid directly to the teacher, or the supplements might be continued and the amount of the fees paid over to the Government. In either case there would be (1) a better test of the ability of the teacher than is now possessed; (2) a more liberal mode of the cost

of education than there is at present, and (3) a means of avoiding general taxation.

Explanations Wanted.

THERE are several matters upon which Mr. Davies' supporters in Queen's County are anxious that he should explain. What about the Fishery Award? It will be remembered that in the Press, at public meetings, and in his election card, Mr. L. H. Davies denounced the representatives of this Island in the late House, for not obtaining from Parliament a direct expression of opinion on the separate claim of this Island to a share of the Award. Two sessions have now elapsed since Mr. Davies was elected, and what has been done? Nothing. During the first session the question was not raised at all, and this year the farce was gone through by moving a resolution so late in the session that a vote could not be taken upon it.

This is the second great breach of trust committed by Mr. Davies in regard to the Fishery Award. While Premier of this Province, and Attorney General, he appeared before the Halifax Commission as Counsel for the Dominion, and made no claim for Prince Edward Island. He secured his present seat in the House of Commons by raising the strongest hopes that his efforts in Parliament would result in obtaining for this Province its share of the money. His insincerity is more patent to everyone.

Our Advertisers.

W. & A. Brown & Co. have removed to Desbrisay's Building, near Beer & Goff's store, where the great clearance sale, which has been in progress for some time past, will be continued. The first instalment of their stock of new spring goods has just been received; and, together with the stock formerly on hand, will be sold at low prices.

John Newson informs all persons indebted to him that, owing to his losses by the recent fire, he is compelled to request an immediate settlement. All accounts remaining unsettled on the 1st of June will be placed in an attorney's hands for collection.

John McKinnon gives notice that a meeting of the Board of License Commissioners for King's County will be held in the Court House, at Georgetown, on the 15th inst., at which all applications for license will be considered.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Competitive Examinations.

SIR,—Competitive examinations in schools and colleges are falling into disfavor. Our best educationalists are beginning to disapprove of the education test. They do not consider it affords an assurance of a good education. They consider it a test of the memory rather than of the understanding or judgment. It is easier to remember facts and events than to reason respecting them; yet the latter alone leads to all that is enduring and substantial in an education.

Memory and judgment are very different faculties. Threnologists tell us a person may have a strong and retentive memory when the judgment is poor and weak, "as sometimes it happens in those who are but one degree above an idiot, who have manifested great strength and extent of memory, but have hardly been able to join or disjoin two or three ideas in a wise and happy manner, to make a solid rational proposition." A system of teaching and examining which exercises the memory to the neglect of the judgment is superficial, and can lead to no good or permanent result. The aim of every student should be to acquire "a love for the things of the mind"—to learn how to think and become capable of a regular train of ideas. At college the studious find examinations an hindrance to intellectual improvement, they interrupt earnest study and prevent one going deep in into a subject. The examiner is not particular to know whether the students are capable of thinking or not. In the hurry of preparing for the examination, they become gormandizers of text books. Papers containing many questions are placed before them "by which the examiner shows his want of sense, and the examinee his stores to cram." Students fill their memories with words and formulas, and become mere babblers by rote. They graduate with far less mental capacity than when they began their studies. It is often remarked that the man who distinguished himself at school is not successful in his business or profession. May we not attribute this to the training of one faculty and the neglect of the other. At school his memory alone was tested; in the activities of every-day life judgment is most required.

Yours, etc., M.

Dundas Notes.

The ice king has commenced to move, and our harbors will soon be open for spring trade. Trade has a bright prospect here this spring, notwithstanding the N. P. on the brain of the ex-Governor, and the bogus pier telegram from Ottawa.

E. C. Pratt, Esq., has left here, and opened out at St. Peter's Bay. Mr. Burge, Esq., has opened out in his place. D. Nicholson, Esq., has also opened out a general country store, and both expect to do a flourishing business.

Mrs. William Taylor and her son, Mr. Albert Taylor, came home here, last September, from Humboldt County, California, to visit their friends, and spent the winter among them. They have been away since 1874. Mr. Taylor looks well after getting a taste of our Island winter, and expects leaving in a few days for the Golden City; and also our respected young friend, Mr. Norman Gay, plasterer. We wish both our young friends success in their adopted country, and hope to hear of them gaining the respect of their adopted community, as they have done in their native district.

The Scott Act is enforced rigidly here since the branch of the Temperance Alliance was established.

Local and Other Items.

The Fire Wardens met this evening at 8 o'clock.

The steamer Summerside, with passengers, mails and freight, arrived this evening at 3.30 o'clock.

CAPT. P. A. SCOTT, R. N., arrived from Halifax this evening. He is staying at the Rankin.

The Northern Light arrived at Pictou at 10 o'clock this forenoon. She will return to Georgetown this evening.

MESSES. SMITH and COOKER, Dominion Inspectors of steamboats, arrived this evening. They are staying at the Rankin.

MR. CHARLES MINTO, well known Commercial tourist of Montreal, arrived this evening, and is staying at the Rankin.

The steamer M. A. Starr left Port Hastings at 9 o'clock this morning. She will arrive here about seven o'clock this evening.

The barquentine Erema is now beating in to the harbor. She was reported off St. Peter's Island by Captain Cameron of the Summerside.

MR. JOHN A. MOORE, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, wife and child, arrived from Halifax, this evening. They are staying at the Osborne. Mr. Moore takes the place of Mr. Finlay, teller, who is transferred to the head office.

CAPTAIN LANFARE, of the bark Atlantic, which arrived at New York April 16, from Barbadoes, says that he had a continuation of heavy west and northwest gales from latitude 19 to 36, and that he found the Gulf Stream 60 miles to the southward of the limit laid down in the chart.

MR. W. A. LEFURGEY, son of Hon. John LeFurgey, has, we are glad to hear, graduated at the celebrated Eastman's Commercial College, standing second in a class of fourteen, and has received therefrom the degree of A. M., the highest conferred by that institution. — Journal.

FANNIE SMITH recently died at August, Ga., leaving a fortune of \$10,000. Fifteen thousand dollars worth of securities, however, could not be found. Some spiritualists interested themselves in the case, and a prominent medium claim that the spirit of the deceased told him the money was secreted in a piece of old matting. Search was made and the securities found.

On the site of the old Point du Chene House, destroyed by fire last summer, the proprietor, Mr. Hanington, has erected a large and handsome Hotel, in the modern style, having all facilities and conveniences. As will be seen, special attention will be devoted to the Island trade, and he has arranged some fifty stalls in his new building for the accommodation of Island and other horse buyers. A man of Mr. Hanington's push and energy is bound to succeed. — Journal.

The Winnipeg Sun, in opposition, thus refers to the opening of the immigration season in Manitoba: "The immigration returns supplied by Mr. Pope's department, may or may not be absolutely correct, but the fact remains that the rush of old country emigrants to the Northwest this spring is unprecedentedly large. There is a decrease in the immigration from Ontario and the other Provinces, but this is more than made up by the increase from Great Britain. Over seventy-five families have already arrived from the States, and there are many more coming."

The following programme of subjects has been arranged for Section 'F' of the British Association, meeting in Montreal next August, and will probably interest business men more than any others: Group I.—Population—1. Emigration; 2. Census results; 3. Distribution of wealth and the condition of the poor. Group II.—Land—1. Agriculture; 2. Land Laws; 3. Forestry. Group III.—Trade—1. Manufactures, shipping and foreign markets; 2. Internal communication by land and water; 3. Finance; 4. The monetary system; 5. Public debts. Government and municipal. Writers have been engaged for most of the subjects, which will be distributed over four or five days.

An exchange says:—High license as a solution of the liquor question is gaining favor in the west. At a recent meeting of a Prohibitory in Illinois one locality read the following testimony as to the work of high license: "We have a \$1,000 license; there are 33 saloons where there were 107 two years ago." And another: "From sixteen saloons we are reduced to five, and the people as a class endorse high license and I think will see that the Harper law is enforced." And another that "A uniform \$500 license is working well." There is a general feeling that where public sentiment is not strong enough to enforce prohibition, high license is the correct thing.

MONEY WANTED.

IN consequence of my loss by the fire of 20th February last, I feel compelled to ask for an immediate settlement of all overdue accounts, whether by notes of hand or otherwise.

All accounts not settled by the first of June next will be placed in the hands of my attorney, without further notice.

Balance of Furniture saved from the fire selling off at great bargains.

JOHN NEWSON. Ch'town, May 1, 1884.—1m

The Liquor License Act, 1883, and Amendments.

NOTICE is hereby given that applications for all such licenses as are authorized to be granted in the License District of King's County, may be filed with the undersigned until Thursday, the 15th day of May, instantly; and that a meeting of the Board of License Commissioners, for King's County, for the purpose of taking into consideration all such applications, will be held at the Court House, in Georgetown, at the hour of eleven o'clock, a. m., to determine upon all applications for wholesale licenses, or licenses to vendors in said County, under the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, or the Liquor License Act, 1883, and its amendments.

By order of Chairman of Board.

JOHN McKINNON, Chief Justice, etc.

NOTICE! W. & A. BROWN & CO. —HAVE—

REMOVED TO DESBRISAY'S BUILDING, Next Door to Beer & Goff's Grocery Store.

BIG CLEARANCE SALE CONTINUED. During the next few months we will positively clear out the big stock saved from the fire, together with about thirty-six cases and bales of New and Fashionable Spring Goods, direct from the London markets, the first shipment of which is being opened to-day

W. & A. BROWN & CO. Ch'town, May 1, 1884.—dy wkly

DESBRISAY & ANGUS, AGENTS OF THE

QUEEN AND AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANIES, WHILE thanking the Citizens of Charlottetown for their past patronage, and assistance during the late fire, have to announce that they have taken the office in

Stevenson's Building, CORNER QUEEN AND SYDNEY STREETS, Where they are prepared to do business. Ch'town, Feb. 22, 1884.

Hats. Hats.

REASONS why L. E. PROWSE sells the CHEAPEST HATS in the city:—

- 1st. Because he does not believe one man should pay double because another does not pay ANYTHING. 2nd. He buys in the best makers' best styles, buys for cash, and sells for cash. 3rd. He does not believe in the old rule—ask large profits and want to get rich too fast—but is satisfied with a SMALL ADVANCE ON COST. 4th. He buys carefully, has no dead stock, keeps the LATEST STYLES always on hand, and at the right time.

Come all, and be convinced that money can be saved by purchasing your Hats from

L. E. PROWSE, Sign of the Big Hat, 74 Queen Street. Ch'town, April 15, 1884.—eod wkly

Prince Edward Island Hospital. MEDICAL BOARD.

Dr. Hogkirk, Consulting Physician. Dr. Johnson, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Boser, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Warburton, Dr. MacKay.

Matron—Mrs. Hannah Robinson.

Applications for admission may be made to the Visiting Physician or Matron, at the Hospital; daily (Sundays excepted), between ten and eleven, a. m., or by correspondence with any member of the medical board, or the Matron. The friends of patients will be admitted from two to four, p. m. every day (except Sunday).

The general visiting day for persons wishing to see the institution is Thursday of each week, from two to four o'clock, p. m.

D. R. MACLENNAN, Secretary of Trustees. April 24—eod wkly

Imported Shire Stallion OAK'S HEART.

OAK'S HEART will stand for this season at Waitty's Stables, behind the Glasgow House, on Gratton Street, Charlottetown, and at the Ten Mile House, Lot 55. The first trip to the Ten Mile House will be on Wednesday, the 14th day of May next, and he will stay there until Thursday night following. This will be continued every fortnight during the season.

TERMS—For the season, \$10, cash, at time of first service; or \$12, on approved paper, payable on 15th of October next. For further particulars apply to the owner.

GEORGE TWEEDY, Charlottetown, N. B.—This horse is now in Truro, and will arrive here on the opening of navigation, G. T. April 24, 1884.—6i eod wkly 1m

Lobster Fisherman Wanted.

Ten good Fishermen, to whom the highest wages will be paid, and immediate employment given. Apply to HORACE HARRARD, Ch'town, April 23, 1884.

ENTERTAINMENT!

THE children of St. Paul's Sunday School will give an Entertainment, consisting of Choruses, Dialogues, Duets, Instrumental and Vocal Solos, on

Friday Evening Next, 2nd May, at eight o'clock, in ST. PAUL'S SCHOOLROOM. Admission, 15 cents. April 30, 1884.

WANTED.

I AM introducing into the Province a patent article, which sells readily in every household, retails at one dollar, and at a profit of four hundred per cent. Everybody who, I will sell the right of the Island altogether, or by Counties as may be desired. This is a rare opportunity for anyone to secure a light, profitable business. Gentlemen, laborer, mechanic, or young man of the farm, don't go to other countries in pursuit of business until you investigate something which is not a humbug. I invite all who mean business (none others) to do so at once. For particulars address D. K. BICKOK, Charlottetown, P. E. Island. April 30—6i wkly 1i pd

A NEW ORGAN.

BY AUCTION, Friday, May 2nd, at two o'clock, at my Auction Room, a beautiful new organ, 8 stops, 2 full sets Reeds, value \$125.00, will be sold at a bargain.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Ch'town, April 29, 1884.—3i

SEED BARLEY.

FOR SALE—Eighty bushels prime Seed Barley—yields twenty-six bushels from one. Samples to be seen at Belmont Mills, the market, or Mr. D. McLeod's. Price moderate.

B. K. WRIGHT, Apr. 29, 1884.

Valuable Property.

BY AUCTION, May 9th at five o'clock, p. m., that beautiful plot of land in Southport the property of Mrs. P. Green.

Terms at sale. HENRY BOYEE, Auctioneer. Southport, April 25.

Schooner R. Munn.

BY AUCTION, SATURDAY, MAY 10th, at two o'clock, p. m., at Piquet Wharf, the schooner R. Munn, with Sails, Anchors, Chains, etc.

HENRY BOYEE, Auctioneer. Southport, April 25.

IMPORTED STALLION!

BY AUCTION, on the arrival of the first boat from Pictou, a very fine dark bay Entire Horse, from Ontario. This Horse has taken first prizes and diplomas at Toronto, Hamilton and other exhibitions.

Particulars on arrival of horse at Charlottetown. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Ch'town, April 21, 1884.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE WEEKLY EXAMINER.

Only ONE DOLLAR a year.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

LOST—A Buckskin Glove. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the store of E. W. Taylor, Queen Street. [May 1 2i]

WANTED—A SERVANT GIRL, for general housework. Apply at this office. [May 1]

A SHAWL, left at the Hospital Tea, can be had by applying to BEE & GORR. [ap 30]

WANTED—A Lad of 12 to 15 years (must be able to write fairly) for office work. Apply to George Coombs, Queen's Wharf. [ap 29]

FOR SALE—A Spanish Cedar "SHELL," cost forty dollars, will be sold at a bargain. For particulars enquire at this office. [ap 29 6i eod]

WANTED—A good, steady MAN, to work on a farm and take charge. Apply at THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE. [ap 29]

TO LET—A Tenement House, situated on Hillsborough Street, containing seven rooms, with workshop and stable attached. Apply to JAMES A. ALLEY. [ap 28 1w]

TO LET—A Cottage, corner Hillsborough and Richmond Streets. Enquire on the premises. [ap 28]

HORSE FOR SALE—Suitable for farm or trucking. Apply to HENRY BEE, Water Street. [ap 28]

TO LET—About the 1st May, a Cottage, on Weymouth Street. Apply to F. L. HAZARD. [ap 24 3w]

WANTED—A Furnished House, for the summer months. Address, the United States Consulate. [ap 26]

WANTED—A NURSE. Good reference required. Apply to Mrs. George Peake, Edgecombe House. [ap 26 1f]

A SIDE-SADDLE (English make) will be sold at a bargain. Apply at this office. [ap 24]

TO LET—On the St. Peter's Road, half a mile from the city, a neat, well finished Cottage, with half an acre of land attached. Pleasantly situated. Formerly occupied by Mr. Cook. Apply to Hector McLeod, St. Peter's Road, East Royalty. [Mar 27]

The Parties having in their possession a set of new Driving Harness, taken from the fire of the 20th February, will oblige by returning them to the subscriber without further notice.—JOHN NEWSON. [Mar 27]

YACHT FOR SALE

THE YACHT "CLARIBEL" with her Tackle and Sails, will be sold by Auction, on

Tuesday, the Sixth day of May,

at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, where she now lies, on Peake's Number Three (3) Wharf. This boat has a length over all of 40 feet, is of the registered tonnage of 12 tons (sail measure, about 18 tons), has large cabin accommodation, and is in every way sound, well equipped, and handsomely finished.

—ALSO—

at the same time and place, the yacht

CARITA, with her tackle and sails. This yacht has been entirely repaired, and new standing and running rigging put on her this spring. For terms and conditions of sale, apply to

R. R. FITZGERALD, Charlottetown. April 18 pat 11a1e

Ground Bones.

THE undersigned will be prepared to supply pure ground bones, of all sizes, and in large or small quantities, to farmers and others about 1st April.

Highest Cash Price paid for Old Bones. J. W. McGILL. Ch'town, March 14—eod 2m pat eod 2m 21 2m

Valuable Property FOR SALE.

THE undersigned offers for sale the business premises known as "88" QUEEN STREET. The building is large and commodious, turning back from Queen Street eighty-three feet; and the stand is unsurpassed. Terms easy. JAS. DEEDMAN, Ch'town, March 6—1884