

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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The Government and the Spoils System.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Patriot asks THE EXAMINER to name a few Liberals who held office under the Sullivan or McLeod Administrations. We reply that Mr. D. J. McLeod, who was thought worthy to supersede Mr. Nicholson, was retained in office by those Governments; and that Mr. Peter McCourt, who was, just before his appointment, a member of the Patriot staff, was appointed by Hon. Mr. Sullivan and retained by Hon. Mr. McLeod. Other names might be mentioned. In fact, the Liberal-Conservatives gave the Liberals (so-called) precedents according to which the latter might have proceeded still further to break down the spoils system. But instead of adopting a moderate course, weeding out incompetent officials, and retaining those who had proved themselves to be painstaking and efficient, and so promoting the public good, Messrs. Peters & Co. bowed down before the office-hunters of their party. Not content with making a clean sweep in respect to the road service, and dismissing many of the best officials of other departments, not stopping short at Mr. Roche, or respecting the widows weeds of Mrs. Ledwell, it went on to invade the department of public education and to dismiss men like Arbuckle and Cain—men of experience and proved ability—and finally Mr. Nicholson, a young, energetic, and well educated official of great promise. These outrages have received general public condemnation. But what will be said when it is known that the Government have actually made a position in the Registry Office for the special benefit of Mr. W. C. Hobkirk. The Guardian's Summerside correspondent reported yesterday that Mr. Hobkirk went west for a day's shooting—in company with the Premier! We must presume that there is no work for Mr. Hobkirk to do—else, how can he find time to go sporting about the country? Or, if he had work to do, how can the Premier—the guardian of the public interests—dare to take with him, on his shooting expeditions, a paid official of the public, whose services are needed? It is not possible to conceive a course of Governmental conduct which is more injurious to the public service, and more detrimental to the public interests than that which has been pursued, from beginning to end, by the Peters-McLean-Farquharson combination.

The Markets.

THE WEST INDIA market for white oats will be pretty well stocked by the time the cargoes now being shipped reach their destination, and the larger part of the white oats raised in this Province will have been sold. The prices obtained for these oats by our farmers have ranged at from 32 to 34 cents per bushel of 34 lbs. As the oats of this Province are, this year, much over standard, the prices per measured bushel have ranged from 34 to 40 cents. In respect to black oats, comparatively few have yet been marketed. There is little demand for them anywhere in America. But in England and Europe there is a fair prospect. We should not be surprised if good prices were obtained for black oats later in the fall and in the spring. At present they sell at 30 cents per bushel. As to potatoes, a good crop in the States and the McKinley bill make shipments to the Great Republic an impossibility. But a few might, perhaps, as the season advances, be sent to the Upper Provinces. The Toronto Globe (Oct. 12) reports that "cars on track to-day would bring 40c.; they sell out of store at 50c. to 55c.," and that supplies are short, the probability being that prices will advance. Concerning pork, the prices in Montreal are: Canadian choice family pork, \$16 to \$16.50; Chicago short cut mess, \$17 to \$17.50; Chicago extra clear mess, \$17 to \$17.50; and the Empire of Toronto reports: "Dressed hogs were steady with a continued demand for packers' weights, 140 lbs. and upwards, at \$6. A few selected weights sold at \$6.25. A bid of \$6 was made for a car to arrive with none under 130 lbs. and none over 250 lbs. Products were unchanged. Lung clear, firm and in good demand at 9c. Mess, quiet and easy at \$15 to \$15.50. New Canadian short cut offers at \$17.25 to \$17.50 per bbl. Smoked meats quiet; hams easy at 11 to 11.5c. Lard firm at 10 1/2 to 11c. for pure Canadian; compound offers at \$3 to 9c." There is a buoyant feeling throughout Canada. It is believed that the outlook is most favorable for all engaged in commerce.

—The Rev. E. M. Saunders, an able and popular Baptist minister, censures the Government for not standing by Sir Hector Langevin, seeing that nothing was adduced in the evidence to implicate him in the guilt of the McGreevy robberies, and adds: "We have had a national thunder-storm. It will purify the atmosphere. Let there be eternal vigilance. Punish wrong doing in high and low places; but save us from a panic in which all the gold will be thrown into the sea, because a few spurious coins have been found; and all the paper money in the fire, because here and there a counterfeit has made its appearance. There is no nation under heaven in which a man has greater cause for calm, honest pride in citizenship than in the Dominion of Canada at this very day."

Horse Notes.

The track of the Charlottetown Driving Association is a good one. Strangers who visited the Exhibition were unimpaired in their praise of its merits and superiority as a fast track compared with any in the East. In the interest of the breeding and development of the trotting horse (and who does not admire a fast horse?) it is quite an advantage to have in our midst a race course so excellent. We may say that the breeding of good trotting stock is only in its infancy in this Province, but it is not a small matter that, during the two first seasons of this track three mares made themselves and their offspring standard by their performances under the rules regulating admission to standard rank. This is quite a consideration, even if only viewed from the standpoint of their increased value as brood mares. Before the season closes it is just possible that some more mares of plebeian birth will take their places among those of the patrician order.

When we look abroad and see what a record smashing year this has been so far, we can form some estimate of the heights to which we have yet to climb in the world of speedy trotting. Every eye is now turned to the sunny slopes of California. There is joy on the great Palo Alto ranch of Senator Stanford. On one afternoon the world's championship p for the yearling and two-year-old records was lowered. Arion, the two-year-old son of Electioneer, measured the mile off in 2:15 1/2; and the Electioneer yearling filly Bell Bird trotted in 2:27, beating Freedom's mile made last year in 2:29 1/2, the first yearling to trot into the 2:30 list. Everyone is familiar with the breeding of Electioneer, the great son of Hambletonian. Arion's dam is Manette, a daughter of Nutwood 2:18 1/2, son of Belmont and Miss Russel, dam of Maud S., 2:08 1/2. The dam of Manette was from a son of Hambletonian 10, and the granddam from Harry Clay, 2:29, sire of Green Mountain Maid, the dam of Electioneer. It is also worthy of note that Belmont, the sire of Nutwood, one of the top crosses in Arion's pedigree, is by Alexander's Abdallah, a son of the ever famous Hambletonian. Manette has no record herself, but she is full sister to the great Woodnut, six-year-old record of 2:16 1/2, and the mare Marion, 2:22; she is also sister to Maple, the dam of the Electioneer mare Hattie D., three-year-old record, 2:26 1/2. Manette is thirteen years old and was bred by J. W. Knox, California, former owner of Nutwood, and is now owned at Palo Alto; her dam Addie, is twenty-three years of age, and was bred in Orange County, New York.

The great yearling Bell Bird, 2:27 1/2, by Electioneer, is owned by Stanford. She is out of Beautiful Bells 2:29 1/2, now dam of five in the list among them Bell Boy, 2:19 1/2, that was burned, St. Bell, 2:24 1/2, as a four-year-old, who died a few weeks ago; two others are Hinda Rose, 2:19 1/2, at three years, and Palo-Alto Belle, 2:22 1/2, at same age. She is the only mare dam of three three-year-olds, that have trotted in less than 2:30, and now comes a yearling to do the same feat. Another great son of her's is Chimes, without a record, owned by C. J. Hamlin, of New York. Beautiful Bells was sired by The Moor, the son of a horse called Clay Pilot, that traces through C. M. Clay, jr., 20, to Henry Clay, 8, the founder of the Clay family. The dam of Beautiful Bells is the equally famous Minnehaha, dam of five with records from 2:20 1/2 to 2:29 1/2, all (except Beautiful Bells) by Sultan, a son of The Moor. Minnehaha was sired by Bald Chief, son of Bay Chief, by Mambrino Chief, with his sire a great sire of brood mares. This great mare has also a cross through her dam to Henry Clay, 8.

There is one point about the breeding of Arion and Bell Bird which cannot afford much consolation to those who cling to the theory that the thoroughbred cross must be close up to produce extreme speed. The pedigrees of these two youngsters are strictly trotting lines. At Palo Alto the thoroughbred theories were supposed to be much cherished, but when such marvellous records as Sunol's and Freedom's at two and one year old respectively had to be broken; it is the trotting-bred material which did the work. It is something worthy of note that the blood of these two world-breakers is to be found in the stock of not very distant relatives in this Island. Perhaps we may not have to wait many years before we see an Island bred horse trotting into the 2:20 list over the Charlottetown track. SHAWMUT.

—The Educational Review—commenting upon the dismissal of Mr. Nicholson—says:

"We do not profess to know all the facts of the case, and accordingly reserve judgment. But we may say generally, that if school officers are appointed for any other reason than their special fitness for the positions held, the teaching profession should unanimously support a new government in the unpleasant duty of giving the posts to the proper men. But on the other hand, if efficient officers should be removed simply to make way for no better men who thus want payment for their political services, the Government should receive no quarter. The public interests demand, especially in education, that appointments be made solely on account of the fitness of the individual. If political considerations should be shown to determine these, it is a direct request by the government, that the able men of the profession who seek promotion, should do so, not by endeavoring to excel as educationists, but to intrigue as politicians. What would be the effect of such a stimulus on our already staggering educational advancement? It is sad to contemplate. There are many reasons why, under ordinary circumstances, teachers should completely repress partisanship. In order to protect the profession from malign government influence it should be done. The less partisan a man is the more his influence is felt when the occasion for its exercise arises. With the teachers of our Provinces as a unit in favor of a true educational policy independent of other political questions, a steady and continuous improvement in our educational conditions would, normally, always exist. Let us in the meantime hope that the drastic treatment of the educational department in our island Province has for its object the appointment of the very best men in its service to the important posts of inspectors and superintendent of education."

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

Quebec's Disgrace

First Sitting of the Royal Commission.

Mercier and Pacaud Still Unwell!

The Attorney-General Beside Himself With Fear.

Startling Developments Soon to Follow.

GRIT RULE EXEMPLIFIED.

QUEBEC, Oct. 14.

The Royal Commission opened yesterday. All the interested parties were present, but Premier Mercier, who is unwell, and Pacaud, who is much depressed. Grenier, Clerk of the Executive Council, produced some papers bearing upon the matter.

C. N. Armstrong was the only witness examined, and he will be on the stand probably for two days longer. Very little that was new transpired. But he had just reached the payment of five checks of \$20,000 each to Pacaud when the Commission adjourned.

There is great excitement here, and startling developments are sure to follow as soon as Garnett, Pacaud and others are put on the stand. A portion of Mercier's followers are endeavouring to force him to resign, while Attorney-General Roddoux is beside himself with fear.

SENSATIONAL YARN.

Alleged Wreck of a Steamer.

DRUNKENNESS THE CAUSE.

Very Like a Fake.

HALIFAX, Oct. 15.

It was reported around the city late yesterday that the steamer City of Rome had been wrecked off the coast of Newfoundland. There was considerable excitement, and further information was anxiously awaited. In the evening the following cable despatch from St. John's was received:—"Steamer City of Rome, from Montreal for Dundee, laden with cattle, flour and Indian corn, was lost at Marine Cove, St. Mary's Bay, on Monday night. Only one man was saved, and he says the crew and officers were drunk. The weather was clear at the time of the disaster. The survivor is now on his way to St. John's." It was subsequently learned that this man's name is Brennan, and that the crew numbered 43 or 45; that the steamer had 500 cattle on board, and that the captain, officers and all the crew were in a state of intoxication. It was learned from Montreal that no steamer of the name given had sailed from that port. In fact there is only one steamer in existence named City of Rome, and she belongs to the Anchor Line. This ship sailed from New York for Glasgow, Scotland, on Saturday, and is reported to have passed Cape Race, Newfoundland, on Tuesday. The story looks like a fake.

SMALLPOX.

A Few Cases in Northern New Brunswick.

MONCTON, Oct. 15.

Smallpox is spreading in northern New Brunswick, on the Quebec boundary. A second case has broken out at Dalhousie and there are two cases at St. Moise, on the line of the Inter-colonial Railway.

Powder Explosion.

PICTOU, Oct. 15.

The powder magazine at the Ford pit, Stellarton, exploded last night. The shock was felt all over Pictou County. No one was hurt.

A Breeze.

OTTAWA, Oct. 15.

There was a heavy southeast storm here yesterday. The steamers were detained. No damage, so far, has been reported on the coast.

Personal.

Detective Skeffington and Policeman Macdonald left for Amherst this morning with Thomas Davison in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayden left this morning by first train for Vancouver. Mrs. Hayden spent the summer with her relatives in this city.

The political friends of Mr. L. H. Davies, M. P., presented him on Wednesday evening, with an address and a gold watch. Certainly, Mr. Davies must feel the need of some encouragement.

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Literary Notes.

How many Canadians are acquainted with the names of the men who make their newspapers? And yet there is no more important and no more earnest and influential body of men in the Dominion. Walter Blackburn Harte, who served a long apprenticeship on the press of this country, will contribute an article on "The Journals and Journalists of Canada" to the New England Magazine for December, and will contain portraits of all the men who have made, and are making, their mark in Canadian journalism. There will be no politics in the article, and Conservatives, Liberals and Independents alike should read it. It is the first time in the history of American periodical literature that an attempt has been made to give an accurate account of Canadian journalism. Mr. Harte is admitted even by those who disapprove of his attitude in politics, to be, at least, a perfectly candid writer, and in this article merely the abilities of the journalists treated of have been considered; friends and opponents have been judged as men, and from a literary standpoint only, without the least reference to their political affiliations. The leading French-Canadian journalists are included with their English confreres, and the article is prefaced with an interesting review of the methods of Canadian journalism. It is an article which should interest a very wide circle outside of Canadian journalism, for all the world is curious about the mysterious "we," who discuss the affairs of the nation and the world in every day's newspaper.

Swallowing the Camel.

SIR—The editor of the Guardian is very quick to speak about a poor drunken man in the street, and to denounce the free rum seller; but he has not a word to say about yesterday's orgies in the Cameron Block. CONSISTENCY.

CHALLENGE.

To the Bicyclists, of Prince Edward Island.

GENTLEMEN,—As there seems to be several "Champions," so called, among you, all claiming to be the fastest, I hereby challenge any or all of you to a one-mile race on the Charlottetown Trotting Park, for a purse of \$25.00 and gate receipts, which will doubtless be large. I will not race against Safety machines, as I do not believe in contesting races with a goat.

JOHN ALBERT SMITH, Jr., oct15—dy li wy li O'Leary.

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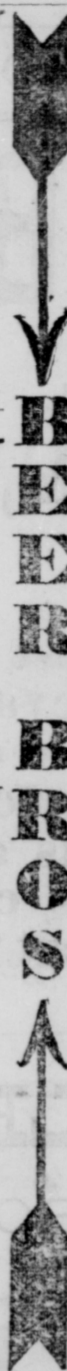
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