

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

FEBRUARY 20, 1893.

The Lieutenant-Governor and the Reserved Bill.

The people of Prince Edward Island will not, we venture to say, censure the Lieutenant-Governor for having interposed his prerogative to prevent the passage of the Gerrymander, Franchise Deprivation, Mortgage Vote Bill. If the Lieutenant-Governor has acted unconstitutionally in respect to that Bill, the authorities at Ottawa will, without doubt, set him right. The man with whom the electors have to deal is the leader of the little oligarchy which assumes to rule over this Province. But the Patriot is anxious that odium should, if possible, be heaped upon the Lieutenant-Governor. Apparently it hopes, if the Lieutenant-Governor can be shown to be in the wrong, that Premier Peters may erroneously appear to the people to be in the right. For the purpose of conveying the idea that Lieutenant-Governor Carvell acted unconstitutionally, the Patriot has seized upon an Ottawa telegram to the Guardian. Now a telegram, in such a case, is at best very weak evidence. The Patriot has grasped at a straw. Moreover, the straw shows that the wind blows in the Lieutenant-Governor's favor. "Dr. Bourinot," we are told, declares that "section 55 of the British North America Act applies expressly to the case." That is to say, the principle set forth in section 55 is applicable to Lieutenant-Governors as well as to Governors-General; for the Governor-General of Canada occupies the same relation towards the British authorities as the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province occupies towards the Dominion authorities. Now section 55 reads as follows:— "Where a Bill passed by the Houses of the Parliament is presented to the Governor-General for the Queen's Assent, he shall declare, according to his Discretion, and subject to the Provisions of this Act and to Her Majesty's Instructions, either that he assents thereto in the Queen's Name, or that he withholds the Queen's Assent, or that he reserves the Bill for the Signification of the Queen's Pleasure."

Further, we read in the telegram: "In his book on constitutional law, Dr. Bourinot says, in the absence of these instructions from the Governor-General, Lieutenant-Governors are thrown on their own discretion and forced to come to a conclusion on such matters with the assistance of any advice that their ministry may give them under the circumstances."

There are two clear and definite statements in this part of the telegram: (1) that "Lieutenant-Governors are forced to come to a conclusion," and (2) that they are at times "thrown on their own discretion." It might properly be inferred, from the fact that Premier Peters has not resigned, that the Gerrymander Bill was reserved by his advice. But suppose that the statements of Mr. L. H. Davies and the Patriot are true, suppose that the Lieutenant-Governor acted independently of the advice of his ministers and "according to his discretion," is it not manifest that Section 55 and Dr. Bourinot sustain the Lieutenant-Governor? The fact that the reserved bill has been returned without remark goes to show that Lieutenant-Governor Carvell had not received any instructions in respect to it; for if such instructions had been issued, he would have been censured because he did not carry them out. Therefore the Lieutenant-Governor was governed only by the established principle as set forth in section 55, and by his own discretion.

True, the Provincial Administration will, as Dr. Bourinot says, have to deal with the matter, because the Dominion Administration has declined to interfere in regard to questions which appertain to the Province. But, how deal with it? The constitution as interpreted by Todd and Bourinot alike, and as illustrated by hundreds of precedents, declares that when a Lieutenant-Governor takes the responsibility of rejecting the advice of his ministers, they are bound either to accept the responsibility of his act or resign in order that the matter in dispute may be referred to the people!

By remaining in office, Mr. Peters and his colleagues have practically accepted the former alternative. But the clamor which they and their organs and friends have raised against the Lieutenant-Governor indicates that they do not possess the Lieutenant-Governor's confidence, and that they ought to have resigned. More than that, it indicates that another attempt will be made, at the approaching session of the Legislature, to pass the bill which the Lieutenant-Governor reserved. This will be adding outrage to outrage. A Legislature, in its last session, to pass a measure revolutionising the Constitution of the Province, gerrymandering almost the whole of King's County, robbing hundreds of men of their franchise rights, and inflicting the mortgage vote on the confusion of every man who has, for any reason, encumbered his property,—this would be a most monstrous proceeding in a country possessing the right of free and popular government. The people have a right to be consulted about the franchise in the trade, but as a subscriber to the telephone I am somewhat startled at the extraordinary disclosure made in the letter of James Paton & Co., published in your issue of Saturday. It does seem to me to be an extraordinary procedure that in a small place like Montague, where every person knows each other, a man can go in to the telephone office and send a message, to which is attached a fictitious name; and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Letter from Messrs. Prowse Bros.

SIR,—The reason we did not notice Messrs. James Paton & Co.'s first letter is, we believed that the public were not at all interested in the matter, and that it was no business of Messrs. J. Paton & Co. whether or not we were in any way connected with the business of Paton Bros. In regard to the second letter, published in THE EXAMINER of the 18th inst., we have this to say: Firstly, that Mr. James Paton presumes a great deal when he concludes that we had any idea of his firm being "the strong." In fact, such was far from our thoughts, and we would never accuse them of being in any sense strong. Secondly, we wish to take up the following extract from his letter of the 18th inst.: "We concluded that we should not allow 'lying statements' of that nature to pass unnoticed, and we caused the matter to be submitted to a few friends in the city. Our first object was firstly, to get pressure to bear upon Messrs. Paton Bros., to withdraw their libelous advertisement, and secondly, to make arrangements between the merchants, whereby business notices should thereafter be free from nasty innuendo and be couched in gentlemanly language."

Now the FACTS are as follows: A meeting of the dry goods firms of the city was held for the purpose of promoting a better feeling among the merchants, to which meeting Mr. James Paton received an invitation to attend. The firms represented were Messrs. Beer Bros., W. A. Weeks & Co., Paton Bros., James Paton & Co., Stanley Bros., and Prowse Bros., and the meeting was not called for the special purpose that Mr. Jas. Paton would lead the public to believe. At a subsequent meeting when Mr. Charles Paton found that he made a mistake, he made a simple apology to the firm of James Paton & Co., and Mr. James Paton, as representative of his firm, at this same meeting signed an agreement that said apology should not be published unless published by Paton Bros. We leave the public to judge whether or not James Paton violated his agreement. We append below a letter received by Charles Paton from James Paton, which speaks for itself:

[COPY.] Feb. 6, 1893. CHARLES PATON, Esq., Dear Sir,—When arrangements were made between your firm and myself re libel made against our carpet department, I fully understood that your firm was going out of the carpet business. I have been informed that you and your partners are about to open store in the Brick or Block as carpet store. If such be the case, I will at once take proceedings against your firm for libel. Chas. Paton, Thos. Paton, L. E. Prowse, B. C. Prowse being all partners in Paton Bros. firm. Yours truly, JAS. PATON. (Sgd.)

It will now be apparent to the public whom Mr. Paton was after; not Paton Bros., but Prowse Bros. In answer to the above, Mr. Chas. Paton wrote the following letter, which is literally and strictly true: [COPY.]

JAMES PATON, Esq., Feb. 6, 1893. Dear Sir,—I am, in receipt of yours of the 5th February, and must say the contents surprise me beyond measure. You say that when arrangements were made between myself and you re alleged libel, it was understood by you that my firm was going out of the carpet business. The agreement made will, I think, fully explain itself, and I am quite willing to be bound by its terms. I may also state that I have no intention of going into any business at present time which will conflict with you, and also to disabuse your mind from the mistake you have fallen into, when you state that the firm of Paton Bros. consists of myself, Thos. Paton, L. E. Prowse and Benj. Prowse. This is entirely wrong, I am the sole partner in the firm, and the other gentlemen named are not in any sense interested directly or indirectly as partners. It will, therefore, hardly be fair for you (if indeed you legally can, which I doubt) to attempt to break through a solemn bargain made between you and me on the grounds that Messrs. Prowse Bros. may have some idea of starting a business to compete with you. It is not in my power to control them in any way, and I do not know whether they have any such intentions or not, nor have I any right to enquire. Will you kindly furnish me with copies of agreements signed by lots of you? C. J. PATON.

Up to the present time Mr. Paton has not received any reply to the above letter, and the copies of the agreements asked for are not forthcoming. After this communication, we fail to see how, in all fairness, Mr. Jas. Paton should drag our name into this connection, thus trying to injure us in the eyes of the public, and himself doing to us the same thing he accuses Messrs. Paton of doing to him. We apologise for taking up so much space, but state the simple facts as above, not because we consider that anything that Mr. Jas. Paton could say about us could injure us in any way, as we are too well known throughout the length and breadth of this country. The thing that is annoying Messrs. J. Paton & Co., is that we do too much business to suit them, and right here we wish to advise the public that we will be "on deck" this spring with the largest range of carpets, clothing and hats ever brought to this province.

And further, we wish to inform Mr. Jas. Paton that we will continue to do our advertising as heretofore, as it has always been our principle when we saw we could do the public good to let them know in our own peculiar way. Yours &c. PROWSE BROS.

A Question for the Telephone Co.

SIR,—As one of the public I am not particularly interested in the disclosure of the tricks in the trade, but as a subscriber to the telephone I am somewhat startled at the extraordinary disclosure made in the letter of James Paton & Co., published in your issue of Saturday. It does seem to me to be an extraordinary procedure that in a small place like Montague, where every person knows each other, a man can go in to the telephone office and send a message, to which is attached a fictitious name; and

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"Church Goer" Again.

SIR,—I would not have taxed your patience by attempting a reply to "Methodist," had I not been accused by that person of false assertions. He must be altogether ignorant of what he wrote in reply to "Anti-Bunkum," otherwise he would not have accused me in his reply to mine of the false assertion of facts and gross misrepresentation of his own opinions. Let us look at the letter in question and see what he did say and whether I am guilty of the charge or not. "Why does not 'Anti-Bunkum' come out over his own signature, then we would know what his opinions are worth." "Methodist" must know that these words are used to convey a meaning. If he does not, he should, before he is "allowed to take part in any discussion," surely "Methodist" has had schoolboy experience enough to know that such words could convey but one meaning, and that the meaning which I gave in my first reply to his, and which meaning he has been dull enough to think was intended as his words, and not the true deduction from those words, which I imagine is plain enough for even the dullest comprehension. Now, a word of advice to "Methodist" and I am done with him. Say what you mean always, and be careful in charging another with false assertions until you thoroughly understand the meaning of that which you yourself have uttered, as you should have done in this instance. CHURCH GOER.

Personal.

Mr. W. C. Kennedy, of Charlottetown, is at the Halifax—Chronicle. Mr. C. H. Schurman returned on Saturday from his trip to the United States. He is looking exceedingly well. Mr. D. K. Sutherland, the popular young representative of Tanner & Co., of Pictou, is here on a business trip. He is registered at the Hotel Davier. Hon. Geo. Forbes, Vernon River, is registered at the Queen Hotel. Mr. J. D. Gillis, representing T. & E. Kenny, Halifax, is on a business trip to the island. He is at the Hotel Davier. The Rev. S. James was presented with an address and a valuable pair of fur driving gloves at the close of the regular service in the church at Stanhope on the 16th inst. A short time previous the gentlemen of the congregation erected a building near the church for the use of the clergyman's horse. Rev. Mr. James is evidently very popular with his congregation.

Mr. William Brehaut, plasterer, a well known and highly-esteemed resident of Charlottetown, has just returned from a business trip to New Mexico, where he will take up his residence. In the First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon the members of Mr. Full's Bible class presented Mr. Brehaut with a very complimentary address. THE EXAMINER wishes Mr. Brehaut every success in his new home. Mr. James Paton, of the firm of James Paton & Co., leaves to-morrow for the Old Country to select the firm's stock of new and fashionable goods.

Notes and Comments.

—We are glad to learn that the members of the Mount Allison University extension class, who passed a successful examination, have recently received their certificates from the institution. The grade given is that of a sophomore student. The New York Tribune of Friday, 9th, after a brief reference to the loyalty of Sir Oliver Mowat, says: "But we greatly doubt if there is another important liberal in the Dominion who would not bring his country into the union to-morrow if his single vote could do it. Opposition to the Tory government means nothing if not annexation. There is no other policy than the one inaugurated by Sir John Macdonald which can possibly hold together the Canadian provinces. To oppose that policy, and, at the same time, to oppose annexation, is illogical and palpably insincere. When the Canadian liberals have the courage of their convictions they will be effective, but it can do no good to oppose impossibilities as a substitute for the Tory scheme."

February 28th and March 1st.

E. H. NORTON & CO., AUCTIONEERS. LARGEST COMBINED TRADE SALE ever held in Charlottetown at the Brick Premises lately occupied by R. B. Norton & Co., commencing at 11 o'clock on TUESDAY, Feb. 28th, and continuing two days. The partly damaged stock of HARDWARE including 10 tons White Lead and Colored Paints (best English and Canadian brands), Boiled and Raw Oil and Turpentine, 20 boxes Glass, 4 Bris Putty, 6 tons Barbed Wire, 20 kegs Nails, 200 rolls each of Tar and Dry Paper, Wadding, Ochr, Brushes, and general stock of Seasonable Hardware. ALSO Large Trade Sale of STAPLE GROCERIES, including in part: 25 barrels Sugar; 12 puncheons Molasses, 110 half chests Tea, 10 crates Crocker's ware, 100 barrels Flour, 50 boxes Starch, 25 gross French Blacking, Washboards, Coffee, Gun Pepper, 50 boxes Soap, 30 barrels Vinegar, Tea-pots, Lamp Chimneys, Castor Oil, Cigars and general stock of Groceries. Merchants can reserve their orders for Spring Goods and supply themselves at Auction prices at this sale. No reserve prices. All goods offered will be sold. feb1-1st eod E. H. NORTON & CO., Auctioneers.

Boneless Fish, Codfish, Herring 1750 BXS. BONELESS FISH, 3000 lbs. CODFISH, 100 barrels HERRING, 100 half barrels N. B. & M. RATTENBURY. feb17-5t eod

FINAL NOTICE.

ALL persons who have not paid their accounts rendered 31st December, 1892, must settle in full before the 20th of March next. All accounts remaining unpaid after that date will be placed in the court for collection. J. R. MACDONALD, Queen Street. feb11-eod & wky

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

Ottawa Notes.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20. Among the gentlemen at Speaker White's dinner on Saturday night were Messrs. Temple, of York, McLean and Yeo, of P. E. Island, and Fraser, Gillies, McDonald, McKoen, Mill, Putnam, White, Forbes and Bowers, of Nova Scotia. There is a report current that by an agreement between the Premier and the leader of the opposition, the session will be brought to a close in four or five weeks; but your correspondent is in a position to state that no decision will be reached until Mr. Laurier consults his followers. It is on the cards, nevertheless, that the House may adjourn for a month, in which event Sir John Thompson will sail for Paris on the 10th of March.

The Corbett-Mitchell Prize Fight.

New York, Feb. 20. Mitchell's and Corbett's backers have withdrawn the stake money and signed an agreement to meet on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls on Feb. 25th, to deposit stakes and sign articles. This action is due to Superintendent Byrnes' decision to arrest all concerned if the articles were signed in New York.

The Pope's Jubilee.

ROME, Feb. 20. The Pope's Jubilee was celebrated yesterday. At 6 a. m. the Cathedral doors were opened and the crowd swept in. Within half an hour the great building was packed to the steps. The Pope, entered the Cathedral at 9.45, apparently in somewhat better health than usual. His Holiness officiated at the special jubilee mass.

Railway Resignation.

MOSCOW, Feb. 20. J. S. May, head foreman of the Intercolonial Railway works here, has tendered his resignation in consequence of differences with the head mechanical superintendent, Mr. Brown.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—10 a. m. Strong winds and gales, shifting to westerly and northerly; cloudy, with snow or rain, followed by lower temperature.

'A TRIP TO PARIS.'

IN ST. JAMES' HALL, Under the Auspices of the Helping Hand Society.

A. A. BARTLETT, Esq., will deliver a Lecture, "In and Around Paris," with Stereoscopic Views, on TUESDAY, 21st February. Proceeds in aid of the organ fund. Admission tickets, 15 cents, at C. D. Rankin's Drug Store and Dodd's Medical Hall. Doors open at 7.30 p. m. Lecture at 8 o'clock. w f s t-feb15



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is extended to all. No trouble to show goods, even if you do not want to buy. It is as easy to get out of our Store as into it. We think, however, you will find it to your interest not to go away without taking advantage of such an opportunity to get a good pair of BOOTS very cheap. We are making a run on goods that have been slightly damaged by smoke, and we will give our customers the opportunity of getting goods at almost their own prices FOR CASH ONLY.

J. M. McLEOD & CO., QUEEN STREET.

Charlottetown, Feb. 15, 1893. Removed to Stamper Block. DR. J. P. MURRAY, DENTIST. feb14

WANTED—Gentleman or lady to travel. Salary \$750. Position permanent. Railway fare paid here. Enclose references and self-addressed stamped envelope.—NATIONAL, 1092 Monarch Building, Chicago. dec17-4t law test)

GRAND ORGAN RECITAL,

(IN AID OF ORGAN FUND), IN ST. JAMES' CHURCH, —ON— Monday Evening, February 27th, —BY— MR. S. N. EARLE,

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