

THE DAILY EXAMINER. MARCH 18, 1890. Notes and Comments.

Sir Charles Gavin Duffy concludes an article in The Speaker as follows: "I am for confederation of the Empire, and as speedily as possible, under the strong conviction that if it be postponed till after a foreign fleet has bombarded Sydney, Melbourne and Cape Town there will be only broken fragments of our colonial possessions left to federate."

Washington advices state that the United States free list will be enlarged by placing upon all farm products not produced in this country, and in other ways extended so as to bring about the desired reductions in revenue made possible by the decision of the committee not to abolish altogether the tax on tobacco and sugar. A suppression of trusts of all kinds is also forehanded.

An Ottawa despatch says: "It is reported that in the negotiations now pending at Washington the deliberations are restricted to two points: the question of damages for the owners of seized sealers, and the suggestion of the United States authorities, which it is believed has the support of Great Britain, for some plan of joint protection of the seal fisheries in Behring Sea. It is also reported that the claims set up by the United States that Behring Sea is a closed sea have been abandoned."

The following letter from Sir Hector Langevin to Hon. Donald Ferguson conveys the clearest and most satisfactory assurance that we have yet had upon the subject to which it refers:

Hon. D. Ferguson, Charlottetown. MY DEAR MR. FERGUSON,—Your letter of the 27th February is received. I have given instructions to Mr. Fuller, my chief architect, to see that at the proper time this spring the fence be put up at Charlottetown.

Yours truly, HECTOR LANGEVIN. Ottawa, March 5th, 1890.

The Empire indignantly repudiates the assertion of the Mail that "Canada is to a certain extent discredited by the circumstances surrounding the death of poor young Benwell," and says: "On the contrary, the vigilance and skill with which our authorities are unravelling the mystery is highly creditable to the readiness of the community to unearth the particulars of the crime, and punish the perpetrator when he is proved to be guilty. The police officials are likewise deserving of recognition for the activity displayed throughout the progress of the case."

The project of bridging Behring Straits, which is said to be attracting discussion in Russia, is a somewhat startling one, but there do not seem to be any insuperable difficulties in the way. The distance between Siberia and Alaska is between fifty and sixty miles, but this distance is broken into convenient sections by three or four islands, which would form stations in a route from Cape Prince of Wales on the American shore to East Cape on the Russian. The undertaking would, of course, be an enormously expensive one, but who will say that it will never be accomplished? With a railway to Alaska, another across Siberia, and a tunnel under the British Channel, our descendants, if they do not succeed in bridging the Atlantic, may yet journey by rail from New York to London, crossing from Prince Edward Island to the mainland of Canada on a bridge, or through a tunnel.

A good deal of the last issue of the Dominion Illustrated is devoted to Newfoundland, an island which, although not yet comprised within the Dominion of Canada, is almost certain to be one with us in some very distant future. St. John's and Placentia, the places depicted in this number, are of interest, not only for their bold, grand scenery, but also for their historical associations. Frederick, the beautiful capital of New Brunswick, also receives attention, some fine views of the city and some lovely glimpses of its neighborhood being in the list of this week's engravings. The illustration of the Dominion capital is continued—the Lover's Walk being one of the best pictures of the number. The famous canyon of the Columbia is shown in a fine engraving. In portraiture this number is rich, and various parts of the Dominion are represented. The new Deputy Head of the State Department occupies the first page, and Senators Batsford and Girard, and Messrs O'Brien, M. P., and Hall, M. P., represent the public men of the Maritime Provinces, old Canada and the North-west. Altogether, a comprehensive and interesting number.

Most of our readers will remember the great scare in England, a few years ago, caused by the result of calculations forecasting the early exhaustion of the great coal fields. The alarm has long since subsided, but an excitement, almost equally great in some quarters, though of a very different character, has just now been created by the announcement of the discovery of new coal fields in Kent, in the south-east of England. The letter conveying the momentous announcement was delivered to Sir Edward Watkin, and is likely to become historical. It is, certainly, not often that it falls to the lot of anyone in these days to write or receive a letter containing news of a discovery likely to have so important a bearing upon the future of a nation, or a considerable part of one. The statement made in this instance was that "coal was reached at 1,180 feet below the surface, under conditions favorable to the supposition that coal in sufficient quantity to pay for working lies buried near the spot where this was found, and at a reasonable depth along the South-Eastern Railway to the westward. A specimen of the coal was tested by burning and proved to be of good bituminous character. Mr. Boyd Dawkins, the geologist, has examined the specimens, and confirms the report. He writes: 'The coal measures with good blizing coal have been struck at a depth well within the practical mining limit, and the question is definitely settled which has vexed geologists for the last thirty years. Further explorations, however, now under consideration, will be necessary before the thickness of the coal, and the number of the seams, can be ascertained.'"

THE SLOW POISONING CASE. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Before the Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Missing Witness Not Found.

A FURTHER ADJOURNMENT.

THE PRISONER and counsel were present at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this forenoon—the former looking none the worse for her respite from attendance upon the investigation.

Mr. Malcolm McLeod, Q. C., said that he was sorry to report that the witness who is missing has not yet been found; that it is evident she is being helped by some persons to make her escape, and that he was therefore compelled to ask a further adjournment of eight days. He also said that he considered those engaged in helping the witness to keep away from the court guilty of a criminal offence.

Mr. Peters said that he had not in fact to say in addition to what he had said last week.

The Magistrate said that if persons are guilty of a criminal conspiracy to aid the girl to escape, he hoped the counsel for the Crown would take steps to have them punished. It is an outrage that in this country a witness summoned to appear before the court can be spirited away and not be discovered. The case would, he said, stand adjourned until Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

AT EMERALD. The St. Patrick's Day Concert at Emerald was one of the most successful ever held at that place, reflecting every credit upon all in any way interested. The hall in which the concert was given was filled, every seat being occupied, and upwards of a hundred were obliged to stand in the aisle and about the door. The programme appears below:

- Instrumental Music.....Orchestra Opening Address.....R. R. Fitzgerald, Esq. Instrumental.....McDonald. Comic Song, "Widow McCarthy".....W. F. Clarke. Vocal Selection.....Miss M. Clarke. Instrumental.....The Laughable Sketch Entitled "Hungry Jake."

- Characters. Monsieur Allegretto.....W. V. Harrington Major Roques (a musician).....Alfred McLeod Hungry Jake (poor, but a gentleman still).....W. F. Clarke. Instrumental.....J. E. McDonald. Reading.....J. T. McNally Song and Chorus.....Miss M. Clarke, McDonald, Messrs. Clarke, McLeod, McDonald, and Harrington.

- Instrumental....."Is that you, Mr. Riley?".....A. E. Clarke Stump Speech.....McGinty Instrumental.....A. McSween Reading.....J. E. McDonald Song.....W. F. Clarke Instrumental.....The Ludicrous Irish Farce Entitled "Tricking the Landlord."

- Characters. Mary Ann Moriarty.....Miss Maggie Keeffe Dennis Moriarty (a bad egg).....F. P. Murphy Landlord (looking for rent).....W. F. Clarke Scoundrel (badly left).....Edward Keeffe Instrumental.....Song and Chorus.....Miss M. Clarke, McDonald, Messrs. Clarke, McLeod, McDonald, Harrington. God Save the Queen.....McDonald. Miss Maggie McLeod, Organist; J. E. McDonald and A. McLeod, Violins; W. F. Clarke, Piccolo.

This programme was carried out in an effective manner. The address of R. R. Fitzgerald, Esq., which occupied about three-quarters of an hour in its delivery, was well received. It dealt with Irish affairs past and present, and his remarks were frequently greeted with applause. A correspondent, speaking of the address, says: "The address was something choice. We never had anything like it here before, and we have had speeches from the cleverest and best orators on the island. It was a masterpiece of eloquence and logic." Mr. A. E. Clarke, the popular station-master at Kensington, received a well-deserved encore for his song, "Is that you, Mr. Riley?" and he responded with a Chinese character song. Messrs. Angus McSween and W. F. Clarke, of Summerside, were also deservedly honored. Miss Barratt, of Charlottetown, sang the "Kerry Dance" to the great delight of all her hearers and "McGinty" who, it may be explained, was none other than our friend John Bradley, captured the audience with his stump speech. The instrumental music and the character sketches were also well given and duly appreciated. The amount realized was in the neighborhood of \$60.

THE DAY AT SOURIS.

St. Patrick's Day in the morning was foggy. Towards nine o'clock, however, the wind suddenly veered round to the west and it began to snow and blow some. Soon after old Sol peered through the clouds, promising fairer weather, which came in time for the march to church of the Benevolent Irish Society. The procession, numbering thirty-five members in full regalia, with their handsome green banner, borne aloft by Mr. Thomas Shea, and headed by the Band, presented a very imposing appearance as they proceeded through the village on their way to St. Mary's Church, where High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Donald Francis McDonald, and delivered by the Rev. D. J. G. McDonald, of St. Margaret's. "Father Gregory's" well known reputation as an accomplished public speaker was fully sustained on this occasion. He began by pointing to the early life of St. Patrick, in which the foundation of future usefulness was laid by the teachings and example of pious parents. The life of the Apostle and Patron Saint of Ireland, his prayers, his privations, his

zeal, and self-sacrifice while preaching the gospel to the Irish race in the fifth century, were then referred to in glowing and eloquent language. He spoke without note or manuscript. His peroration, in which he appealed to his audience with thrilling effect to imitate the virtues and self-denials of the saint whose holy life would be commemorated to-day all over the civilized world, but above all to seek the favor and forgiveness of Jesus, our great Exemplar, who died, the Just for the unjust, that fallen man might gain eternal life.

By many present it was considered that the rev. gentleman's effort on this occasion was the address of his life.

Religious services being over, the procession re-formed, and, accompanied by the band, marched back to their lodge room.

In the Court House in the evening, according to announcement, the following programme was carried out which concluded the day's proceedings in celebration of St. Patrick's at Souris:

- PART FIRST. Chorus—"St. Patrick".....De Roche Remarks.....Mr. J. J. Hughes, President. Duet—"There's a Sigh".....Anna Tricker Miss Amilia Paquet and Miss Sophia Paquet. Instrumental—"Come Away".....Thompson Instrumental Quartette—"Quickstep".....Ripley Messrs. Shaw, Davidson, Mitchell and Brennan Solo—"Slave Ship".....Russell Dr. McLellan. Recitation—"St. Patrick".....Miss Nellie Macdonald. Solo—"Down Went McGinty".....Flynna R. F. McDonald. Vocal Duet—"Flown On".....Moore Miss Gertrude Coughlan and Dr. McLellan.

- PART SECOND. Address.....Rev. Allan J. McDonald, of Fort Augustus. Chorus with Solo—"Lullaby".....Canning Miss McIntyre. Reading.....Mr. J. J. Hughes. Solo—"Kerry Dance".....Molloy Miss Lottie McWade. Instrumental Trio—"Waltz".....Thorne Miss Lottie McWade, Dr. McLellan and R. F. McDonald. Chorus (Grand)—"Moonlight".....Byron Solo—"Maid of Athens".....Miss Nellie Macdonald. Instrumental Duet—"Mountain Glee".....Krugger Miss Lottie McWade and Miss Mary McDonald. Solo—"1909" (continued) Entirely New Edition—Revised to suit the times.....Anon Mrs. F. J. Conroy, accompanist. God save the Queen.

THE ANNUAL concert given by the Benevolent Irish Society came off in the Lyceum last evening. The audience was large, filling the building, and the published programme was carried out in a manner that was evidently satisfactory to the audience, as almost every number was encored. Mr. McCourt's opening address was short and pointed, and well given. It consisted mainly of a review of the work done by the Benevolent Irish Society, a rehearsal of the names of the many gifted men that Ireland has produced, and a sketch of the home rule agitation now in progress.

The vocalists were Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. James Byrne, Miss Tillie Brown, Professor Tanton, Master Henry Anderson and Mr. McNally—and each sang well. The violin solos by Miss Macdonald and Master James Hyndman, and the cornet solo by Mr. C. P. Fletcher were played in fine style, and the piano music furnished by Mrs. Doyle, Miss Benoit and Messrs. Tanton and Foster, was excellent. Miss Nellie Lawson's reading was well given; and the accompaniments by Miss Hyndman, Miss Caven and Messrs. Tanton and Watson were capital. The duets by Messrs. McDougall and McNally and Messrs. Foster and Anderson were well rendered, as was also the quartette by Messrs. Leigh, Stair, Foster and Tanton. A well-written poem by Mrs. A. D. McLeod was read by Mr. James McIsaac.

SHAKESPEARE.

In the courts of the temple may throng Those whom poetry grows as her own; In the holy of holies of song Sits Shakespeare, sublime and alone. —The Scotch are a wonderful people. It is only the paucity of their members, combined with their generous instincts and strong sense of justice, that has kept them from subduing the world. Sir J. Crichton Brown, in his lectures at Birmingham on "Brain Growth," gives figures of the average weight of brain enjoyed by different races. The French brain weighs 47.9 ounces, the German 48.3, the English 49 and the Scotch 50 ounces. In view of this brain development with all that it implies, and of various other circumstances, the cautious assertion of a Scotchman, that the immortal Shakespeare "had parts that would justify the inference that he was a Scotchman," may contain much of abstract truth.

MARRIED.

At the First Cong. Church, North Abington, Mass., January 17th, 1890, by the Rev. J. E. Jones, George W. Abbott, of Beverly, to Maggie, third daughter of H. Houle, Track-master, P. E. I. Railway.

FOR SALE.

WHITE RUSSIAN SEED WHEAT, a very successful yielder. JOHN NEWSON. march1

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change of thought and sentiment, or for the display of wit and humor, which are the spice and poetry of life; but for the purpose of witnessing and taking part in a vulgar display—vulgar because of its costliness and profusion. Prodigality, not infrequently allied to ostentation, follows as the natural sequel of accepting a moneyed standard in society.

No wonder, this author thinks, that conversation is coming to be reckoned among the lost arts. The demand for it no longer exists. The brilliant talkers of other times, who in their day it was considered the greatest privilege to hear, would at present be voted a bore by people whose only claim to social distinction lies in the weight of their purse. Who would or could talk with such people for listeners? To see and be seen constitute the sole end of the entertainments of the period. And in order to accomplish, everybody is necessarily in a hurry, and in the perpetual bustle conversation is out of the question. The writer recalls the scenes which he had witnessed twenty years ago, when the most refined circles in London met of evenings in a certain drawing room, where tea and lemonade were the only refreshment, and as he alleges, the process of social deterioration has not gone so far as it has in London; but he is of the opinion that but few, if any, in the British metropolis would dare to act upon the rule now that entertainments are so often estimated according to what they cost.

Of the prodigality, which is an incident of this social deterioration, some striking illustrations are given. "Who dares to invite his friends," it is asked, "to a simple English dinner with dry sherry and sound claret? He must have champagne and French cook, or abstain from hospitality." Even toasters are made to minister to a vulgar taste by their excessive costliness, and their incongruous use. Hundreds of pounds are spent in flowers for a single night. And of the absurd uses to which these objects of beauty are sometimes put, an illustration is given from what the writer had himself observed. He had seen a banister covered with priceless orchids. And, of course, where hospitality is dispensed on this expensive and ostentatious scale, even the semblance of privacy can scarcely be maintained. The hostess, if she desired it, could scarcely be safe from the interviewer. But when she is not desirous of anything of the sort, which appears to be too generally the case, all the facts connected with her entertainment and her guests are apt to find their way into the society papers. And thus does the vulgarizing process go on.

We give as we find it the foregoing view of what is going on in the upgr-tendom of the Old World, especially in the centre of civilization, nothing extenuating and nothing taught down in malice. We sincerely hope that the picture is overdrawn. To encourage this hope we have the fact that in memoirs, plays and other light literature, we find the same lament over the decadence of manners and morals, the same denunciations of a growing worship of money and power of the purple, under the Georges, the Stuarts and even the Tudors. Yet as we compare one period with another we find a steady advance of the tide of civilization.

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These things, however, are not written for the sake of those on the other side of the Atlantic, but "for our learning."

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