

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

APRIL 20, 1896.

TREATMENT OF INSANE AND POOR

When discussing this subject in November last, THE EXAMINER said: "All dangerous lunatics must, of course, be confined, and means must be provided for their protection and also for their treatment and cure in every case in which cure is possible. The public owes this duty to itself as well as to the most helpless of God's creatures. How may it be done at the least cost? If the Americans had this Island they would at once erect a poorhouse upon the Government Farm, together with a home for idiots and epileptics. They would then remove thither the inmates of the Poorhouse at Brighton and take out of the Hospital for the Insane all the idiots and epileptics who are now there, thus affording additional room in the hospital for proper lunatics. Every man and woman able to work on the farm would then be set to work and made to work for their own living, and to reduce the cost of the establishment. A physician, a specialist in diseases of the brain and nerves, would be in attendance at least all day long, to see that no one really unable to work should be compelled to do so, or to overwork in any way ill-used, as well as to give the greater part of his time as well as his own personal supervision and attention to the treatment and cure of curable patients. The adoption of this course would involve some outlay of capital in the beginning, but it would also result in a smaller annual expenditure in the end, while it would ensure a larger percentage of cures and make the hospital for the Insane and the Poorhouse a credit to the Government and the Province. According to the public accounts, these two institutions of the Province cost last year all but \$21,000. This is a considerable amount to spend year after year. It ought to be the aim of the Government to obtain the best possible results from the expenditure of this sum, as well as to reduce it in so far as this can be done without neglecting the claims of justice to the public and mercy to the unfortunate of the community."

It is now proposed that this matter shall be dealt with in a practical way. We think that the plan outlined in the above paragraph ought to be preferred to that of the Government. The poor people in the Poorhouse may, in the past, have done much that was wrong. But we cannot imagine that any one of them has been guilty of offences the punishment of which ought to be enforced confinement under the same roof with a lot of lunatics. To build a new wing to the asylum will cost much more money than a new poor house sufficient for the residence of our poor and the harmless imbeciles and epileptics who now crowd the Hospital for the Insane; and it would be easy to connect by underground pipes the new detached building with the system of hot water heating in the hospital, and thus save expense on that account, while a high board fence would prevent the association of the poor with the lunatics. Elaborate estimates have been made concerning the loss to the Province resulting from the overcrowding of lunatics in the asylum and the want of a resident physician. It has been argued from the statistics that "fifty-five patients who should have been cured and discharged remain in that institution," and that "\$65,750" have thus been lost in the last ten years. We shall not attempt to controvert this argument. Supposing the conclusions to be true, who are the people to hold responsible and what is now to be done about it? It can be shown that the medical superintendent advised the Government as to these results, the Government must certainly be blamed. What would be thought of a parent who told by the physician that his child would die (or worse) unless a certain course were pursued, failed to take that course, though able to do so? We should condemn him in the strongest terms. But if the Government is to be condemned, so also is the medical superintendent. The physician who would hold on to a case and pocket his fees while his directions were disobeyed and his patient's recovery thereby rendered impossible would be outside of it to be in the highest degree blameworthy. If fifty-five of our lunatics have lapsed from the gate of curability to the state of incurability, it is not possible to relieve Dr. Blanchard of the blame which appertains to a physician who retains a case in which his directions are not obeyed. Dr. Blanchard ought to have resigned his position if the unfortunate men and women under his care were permitted to become incurably insane because his advice was not carried out by the Government. By holding on to the office he has accepted the responsibility. But that which has been permitted and done in respect to the treatment of our lunatics cannot now be undone, and nothing is to be gained by finding fault. The question is, what is to be done, now? That a change is necessary all will admit. Under all the circumstances, we believe that the public will not be satisfied until another medical superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane has been appointed. In that case who ought to be appointed? A mere political supporter of the Government of the day? We say, no. But we believe that the requirements of the case would be met by the appointment of a young, up-to-date, unmarried doctor, one who would need for his residence at the hospital only a sitting room, bed room and study,—one who, fresh from the study of the most approved methods of treating mental and nervous disorders, would bring to his work the energy and enthusiasm of a man who has a reputation to make.

—Stratford Herald: In 1878 the farmers of Canada succeeded in getting into the American market about \$12,000,000 worth of their products by paying into the treasury of the United States a duty of \$4,000,000. In the same year the American farmers sold in our markets nearly \$15,000,000 worth of their products without any duty. The duty on the Canadian trade is a similar state of affairs arising. Farmers, what do you think about it?

THE MANITOBA ISSUE.

Though we insert the letter of "Catholic," as a protest against such statements as that of Messrs. Wallace and Davies, we desire it to be borne in mind that the Catholic view of education is not the essential point in the Manitoba question which has, by the political intrigue and the Parliamentary obstruction of the grists, been forced upon the country. Mr. Davies will, of course, try to show that religious differences are involved in the case. But this is really not the fact. The main point is the Parliamentary compact, of which Sir Leonard Tilley as well as Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Donald Smith and others prominently in public affairs at the time bear evidence, and the violation of the law as set forth in the Manitoba Act and in the judgment of the Lords of the Privy Council. That is the point in regard to which an appeal is now to be made to law-abiding citizens. The "Colonist," of Victoria, well remarks that "there is, thank God, no difference between Protestant and Catholics as to the duty of keeping faith with those with whom they deal." They are all taught to be as good as their word, to keep the bargains they have made. And it is just as obligatory on communities—municipalities, provinces, nations—to carry out in good faith the agreements they have made as it is in individuals. This confederation is kept together by the federal compact. It is of the very first necessity that the different parties to the compact shall do all that they had promised. If it can be shown that the Province of Manitoba has covenanted to protect the minority of its inhabitants in their rights, is it not the duty of Manitoba to carry out its agreement with regard to that minority without waiting a moment to consider whether that minority is Catholic or Protestant? There can be no question about it." We, therefore, hope that our correspondents and others will not lay stress upon the false statements of unscrupulous politicians, but concentrate their efforts upon the true issue, about which all honest men, when they fully understand the matter, must be agreed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Halifax Herald: The manner in which the grists rejoice over the success of the obstruction in Parliament, is proof of the active part and keen interest they took in that obstruction.

—The Legislature has been in session for all but four weeks, and the report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands has not yet been tabled. Yet Mr. McMillan seems to be in good health.

—St. John Sun: Now let there be no dodging. Let the supporters of the bill have the courage to defend the course. Let the opponents and obstructors take the praise or blame that belongs to them. The member who has exerted himself for weeks to kill the bill ought to betman enough to stand by what he has done. We are sure that some government supporters will lose votes by their support of what they believed to be a just and honest measure. But they have taken that risk, and we are sure they will not be found evading the issue.

—The latest evidence adduced by Liberal journals in support of their theory that the Government does not desire to pass the Remedial Bill is a statement that when Sir Charles Tupper speaks he exasperates the Liberals and makes them more determined to obstruct. It is pointed out by the Gazette a few days ago the same writers were blaming Sir Charles for not answering the criticisms of the Opposition. The explanation of this inconsistency is that the Liberals are beyond their wit and are trying to keep the Catholic vote with Mr. Laurier, while he is working with Mr. McCarthy to make sure of the Orange vote.

—A famous marksman says the most useful shooting is done when you see nothing but the mark. In target-shooting when you see only the bull's eye—the "gold"—and everything else fades away out of sight, then expect a wonderfully good shot. The same thing is true in all the practical affairs of life. Have just one single aim in view and the chances are you'll hit the mark. That's the way to succeed in anything; that's the way to accomplish great things; to have one purpose in mind, and stick to it, and give all the thoughts and all the energies to accomplish that one object; that means success. It's the same in everything; in business, in housekeeping, in mechanics, concentrating all the powers of the mind on one point means success.

—Referring to Dr. Schurman's "Agnosticism and Religion" lately published. The Independent says: "The tone of these addresses to the students at Cornell is that of a bold, fearless and inspiring faith. It is a faith which subsists in a world of change, and particularly of changed thought. We do not ourselves agree with many of the views of Schurman's conclusion, but in the main one we do, and believe that his way of stating the argument for faith will save a great many sorely perplexed minds a lapse into unbelief and darkness. But to many other minds it will set the great verities of faith and hope and the right method of reasoning about them in a light which will be of the greatest possible assistance in unshaking the sophistries and seeing through the illusions and assumptions of agnostic speculation."

—The Colonist: If we are to have peace the majority of the electors of this Dominion will have to look upon the Manitoba question as they look upon a dispute between individuals regarding the conditions of a contract or an agreement. The parties to an agreement pledge themselves to do certain things, and they are bound in honesty, when the time comes for carrying out the conditions, to do what they have promised to do. This is where religious really comes in in this Manitoba case, as well as in every other case in which men have bound themselves by agreements, no matter whether the agreement is called a covenant, a treaty, a compact or a constitution. All religions that deserve the name require those who profess them to be as good as their word to keep the covenants they have entered into.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

MONDAY, April 20. House met at 12. Mr. Arthur Peters presented a bill to incorporate the St. Peter's Day Starch Company, L. limited, which was referred to the Private Bills Committee. On motion of Mr. Warburton the act incorporating the Charlottetown Electric Company, Limited, Derivatives and a second time, Mr. McKinnon in the chair. An amendment to the first section was carried, constituting Messrs A. B. Warburton, J. J. Davies, B. C. Prowse, J. P. Macdonald, W. F. Tilman, all of Charlottetown, their associates, successors and assigns the "Company" mentioned in the bill. Other sections of the bill were discussed by the promoter, Hon. Mr. Peters, Hon. Mr. Farquharson, A. Peters, Prowse, McLaughlin and H. C. McDonald. Hon. Mr. Farquharson expressed the opinion that the operations of the road should be confined to the city and royalty. The roads in the country should not be obstructed to the inconvenience of the farmers. Mr. Warburton explained that the large tract in the country would be under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government for the time being. The Government will, he felt sure, see that the interests of the farmers were carefully looked after. At one o'clock recess was taken until three.

FIGHTING IN EGYPT.

LONDON, April 17.—A despatch from Suakin, dated April 16, says 300 Derivish cavalry and 1,000 infantry made an attack upon the friendly Arabs and drove them into the Erkowit hills. The Derivishes afterwards attacked Major Sidney's 10th Sudanese battalion, the fight resulting in Sidney's repulsing the Derivishes with notable loss. The Derivishes also attacked the 10th Egyptian cavalry, under Captain Fenwick, and were again repulsed with loss of 30 killed. New York, April 17.—The Herald has the following from Cairo: "The Khedive went to the railway station yesterday to witness the departure for the front of 150 men of the horse artillery with six guns and his cousin, Prince Aziz, in charge of 76 cavalry regiments. The Egyptian troops displayed the usual enthusiasm. The Khedive's brother, Major Kitchener, has been here for ten days waiting for an appointment. It is said this delay is owing to the Khedive's unpopularity in high quarters. Suakin, April 17.—Egyptian troops and friendly Arabs defeated the forces of Osman Digna yesterday. Eighty-five Derivishes were killed. The Egyptians lost seven killed.

Superior Furniture. — Remember the clearing out sale by auction of superior furniture at the residence of Mr. Ingram Wood, Euston street, commencing at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, April 22nd. House open for inspection to-morrow (Tuesday) from 11 a. m. till 5 p. m.—R. Beairsto, Auctioneer.

OPERA HOUSE!

Come and hear the "Saints" in the Beautiful Drama 'FITZGERALD,' The Irish Outlaw.

To be given in the Opera House on Tuesday, April 28th

This play is replete with Irish wit, "Celestial" humor and Jewish knavery. College Orchestra in attendance. Plan of Hall and tickets for sale at the following places, on Thursday, 23rd inst: Balcony, at Hankin's Druggery; Orchestra at Dods' Medical Hall; general admittance at Reddin Bros'. Doors open at 7:30; curtain rises at 8 o'clock, sharp. Popular prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents. St. Danstan's College Dramatic Society. April 20—m w f m t

Clearing Out Sale.

Furniture by Auction.

I am instructed by Mr. Ingram Wood to sell by Auction at his residence, Euston Street, between Prince and Hillsborough Streets, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, inst, commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. All his household effects, comprising Parlor, Dining Room, Hall, Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture. House open for inspection on Tuesday from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. R. BEAIRSTO, Auctioneer.

Strmr. Campana

Will sail (see permitting) from Montreal for Charlottetown on 27th April. CARVELL BROS., Agents. Ch'town, April 20 ed 1w

Lands to Let.

The under-igned Trustees of the estate of the late Bernard McPhillips will receive sealed applications until MONDAY, the 27th April, inst., at 10 o'clock, from persons who wish to rent for the coming season the lands of the late Bernard McPhillips, consisting of— 1st. 4 1/2 acres in the Royalty known as the Watson garden and field. 2. Seven acres in the Royalty, known as the Williams field. 3. About seven acres in the Royalty, known as the Gray lot, and situate on the west side of the North River Road. Applications will be received for the whole land or for the fields separately, to suit applicants. W. H. AITKEN, CHARLES E. MCKINNON, Trustees. April 20—t d

TELEGRAPHIC.

Special Despatches to the Examiner. RAILWAY EXTENSIONS IN P. E. ISLAND. A General Scheme Outlined. The Grits Still Obstructing. OTTAWA, April 20. Hon. Mr. Haggart gave notice on Saturday of a resolution to authorize the construction of the Belfast, Rustico, Elmsira, Cranford, New London, Richmond Bay and West Cape branches of the P. E. Island Railway. The grits are still obstructing business.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

Grit Obstruction Continued. OTTAWA, April 20. The most flagrant obstruction from the grits on Saturday prevented the House of Commons from making the slightest progress with the Government business. Immediately after routine, Mr. Mulock moved the adjournment of the House, and thereupon until midnight the talk alternated between a discussion of the case of Colonel Hamilton, of the Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, who had been asked to resign his command, and the administration of the affairs of the Royal Military College, Kingston. The House did not adjourn till Sunday morning at 12.05.

SIR LEONARD'S EVIDENCE.

Separate Schools Were Guaranteed the Manitoba Minority. ST. JOHN, April 20. Sir Leonard Tilley, one of the four surviving members of the government which made the terms of union with Manitoba, says that he distinctly remembers the understanding that separate schools were to be guaranteed to the minority (whether Catholic or Protestant) if they should desire them. He feels sure that the people of Canada, when they come to see that this is not a question of policy, but of preserving the constitution, and fulfilling a compact, will not condemn the remedial legislation.

THE PROSPECTS IN ONTARIO.

Increased Majority for Conservatives. MONTREAL, April 20. Major Sam Hughes says that the Conservative majority from Ontario in the next Parliament will be ten more than at the present time. He says Messrs. Laurier and McCarthy played a desperate game, and that their defeat in the House of Commons at the hands of the Government, on the motion to give the Remedial Bill the six months' hoist, brought ruin to both.

A Boy Choked.

MONCTON, April 20. Yesterday the six-year old son of Jas. P. Elliott took a piece of raw turnip, which his mother was preparing for dinner and commenced to eat it. The little fellow swallowed too large a piece and it stuck in his throat and choked him dead.

President Kruger's Claim.

LONDON, April 20. The Daily News says that President Kruger claims an indemnity of £1,500,000 from the British South Africa Company for the recent raid of Dr. Jameson into the Transvaal.

The Matabela Campaign.

LONDON, April 20. Sir Fred. Carrington has been appointed to command the campaign against the Matabela.

SHIP NEWS.

Port of Charlottetown. ENTERED. April 15—Lady May, McDougall, Belle River. CLEARED. April 15—D. Cronin, Bruce, Cape Tormentine; 15, Lady May, McDougall, Belle River; Etoid du Marin, Davies, Pictou; Nereid, Dewar, Glace Bay; 18, Rustic, Hughes, Pictou; Nina Page, Campbell, do; Ethel Aggie, Phalen, West Cape, Magdalen Islands.

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