THE DAILY EXAMINER.

OCTOBER 19, 1893.

DOMINION VOTERS' LISTS.

The policy of the Opposition is to repeal the Franchise Act and fall back upon the Provincial lists. By the adoption of this course the voters in Dominion elections would be subject to the Local Governments. An autocratic Provincial Leader might procure the passage of an act disfranchising this or that class of men, or might, for a time, set up a high standard of qualification in order to gain a party advantage; and not a man disfranchised for the Province could vote for a representative to sit in the House of Commons. There has lately been brought home to Prince Edward Island an example of the outrageous manner in which the Provincial lists may be tampered with in the interests of the Provincial Government. Sir John Thompson will, we have no doubt, be backed up by intelligent and fair-minded men of both parties in an effort to prevent the Opposition from carrying out their policy in this regard. Whatever the standard of qualification may be, it must be equal throughout Canada. The Dominion Franchise Act may be amended. We have no doubt that it will be improved, and that the preparation of the lists will be less costly in the future than in the past. But it must not be repealed. The qualification of electors in any Province might properly be made identical with that of the Dominion, and the Dominion lists might be used by any Province desirous of saving the cost of preparing and printing a voters list. But the greater franchise ought not to be made dependent upon the lesser.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S RESIDENCE.

It is pleasing to learn from one whose word will not be doubted that the Governor-General was misrepresented in respect to his alleged demand for a larger and finer residence than Rideau Hall. We owe an apology to His Excellency and the public for having accepted as true a statement which was made, in the first place, by the Ottawa liar. The opinion of our correspondent that the Governor-General is entitled to good treatment on the part of the people of Canada is, of course, right, though it is not to be inferred that all the distinguished men and women, including the Queen's daughter, who have occupied Rideau Hall in recent years, have been ill-treated. If it be true that Rideau Hall is not a fit residence for the Governor-General and, that its maintenance is too costly, let another residence be constructed by all means. But there is a tendency on the part of Officialdom at Ottawa to centralize public works at the Capital and to lavish public money in the erection of palatial buildings there, while the public needs of the country are overlooked. This tendency ought to be checked by the Government. It will be too bad if the people of Prince Edward Island, for instance, should be compelled, upon every special occasion, to ride in little, unventilated, bad-smelling cars, and if they should be denied a train to carry them to and from Charlottetown and enable them to do business on the same day, while the æsthetic tastes of the superior mortals who permanently occupy the public offices at Ottawa are being gratified by the sight of a grand gubernatorial palace erected without regard to cost, at the people's expense. The Governor-General is entitled to good treatment, and so are the people; and while public work for the first is done, let not public work for the last be left undone.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Unsworth returned from the Upper Provinces last evening.

Mr. Geo. F. Owen, of Cardigan, was registered at the Hotel Davies last evening.

Mr. Will Brehaut, of Summerside, leaves by the boat this afternoon for Boston, where he will spend the winter.

Cardinal Gibbons celebrated his silver jubilee at Baltimore on Wednesday. The celebration was on a magnificent scale.

At the Queen Hotel this forenoon there were registered: Rev D B McLeod, Orwell; W Mutch, Eldon; James Ross, Mount Stewart; John McQueen, Victoria Cross; James Laird, New Glasgow.

We regret to hear that Mr. G. I. Foster broke his leg a few days ago while practicing with the King's College football team at Windsor. Mr. Foster had only been elected captain of the team about an hour before, and in the first practice the accident occurred.

Mrs. D. Taylor and Mrs. Wm. Perkins, of Charlottetown, are in the city visiting at the residence of W. E. Sherard. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Perkins have just returned from a several weeks' visit to the World's Fair. On their return they visited Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Toronto, St. John and other cities of interest.—Moncton Transcript.

"The marked decline in values on the Stock Exchange yesterday, the unwillingness of banks to make loans, the advance of sterling exchange toward the gold outflow, point the low ebb of the gold reserve in the national treasury, the hastening of the Union Pacific into the hands of a receiver, are signs of a returning feeling of distrust and alarm which cannot go unheeded with safety.

The young Earl of Dalhouse, who recently celebrated his fifteenth birthday, is the owner of an estate of 136,000 acres in Forfarshire, worth about $40,000 per annum. His father, who was Secretary for Scotland under Mr. Gladstone, is one of the few examples of death from a broken heart. He and his countess were returning from a trip to America in November of 1887, and had reached Havre. The countess, who was suffering from fever, died there on November 24. The earl, quite prostrated with grief, took to his bed and was dead the next morning.

For eight weeks Miss Emma Homeame has laid in bed with her head strapped to a pillow, says a late despatch from Huntingdon, Pa. Two months ago while preparing for church, she felt a sharp and sudden snap like the breaking of a cord at the back of her neck. Since then at every heart beat her head has made a violent and responsive nod, first forward and then backward, with the regularity and precision of a clock pendulum. In either movement her head passes from the perpendicular about one foot. The local physicians are nonplussed over the affliction.

The Samoans, according to their latest visitor, have been celebrating Mr. R. L. Stevenson's forty-sixth birthday. The Lee is Mercury points out that there must be a mistake. Mr. Stevenson is only forty-three. He is still one of the younger novelists. Of the others Mr. Meredith and Mrs. Oliphant are each sixty-five, Mr. Besant is fifty-five, Mr. Hardy and Miss Broughton are each fifty-three, Mr. Buchannan is fifty-two, Mr. Grant Allen is forty-five, Mr. Rider Haggard is thirty-seven, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Barrie are each thirty-three, Mr. Kipling is twenty-nine and Mr. Auilier Couch is twenty-eight.

RACY LETTER FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

Some False Statements Refuted

And Some Interesting Facts Set Forth.

Dear Examiner,—It is a long time since I have had anything to say through your columns, though I am glad to observe that you are not without correspondents in Ottawa. I have thought several times of addressing myself to your readers, not in a didactic, but rather in a gossipy strain. Nor are you going to hear any politics from me, for heaven knows the Island is cursed with them already! And such politics, too. I take up the last Farmer and I find the official report, extending over half a column, of a public meeting, with all the paraphrenalia of chairman and secretary, and mover and seconder of resolutions, held to consider the condition of the road leading from Scarletown to the shore, and to devise the best means of improving it. And after only thirteen gentlemen had expressed their opinions *pro* and *con*, it was resolved that the road was more or less impassable, and that it was the duty of the Government immediately to repair it. The idea of any fifteen men (including the chairman and secretary, who are not reported as having taken part in the discussion) wasting their time in such a manner. What on earth is the use of their representatives in both Houses of the Legislature? They are not yet *functi officius*. What a huge farce is the system of local government as pursued on the Island! I must not be understood as recommending a surrender of self-government. Still, there is no necessity for a Corliss engine to run a ferryboat. What a useless lot of machinery, and what extravagant expenditure it involves. It is well that one chamber has been got rid of, though whether the new constitution is going to be a success remains to be seen. The next move should be in favor of biennial sessions. I think I am right in saying that of all the States of the neighboring Republic, only four have anuual sessions. But did I not promise to talk no politics?

The next thing, naturally, is the weather. And here I wish to "pitch into" The Examiner for not giving us, daily, four or five lines of news about the weather. Living up here, we are anxious to know whether it is hot or cold, rain or snow, wind or drouth, "at home," and Islanders everywhere take at least that much interest in their native Province. I allow that when any "heavy weather" occurs you make a note of it; but what I have reference to are the ordinary changes from day to day. We are having three days of high wind and occasional rain, which has battered fences, blown down trees and chimneys, and nearly left the trees bare. It is noticeable how much sooner the leaves begin to fall here than they do at home. They commenced so long ago as the first week in September, and now some of the streets are covered inches deep with them. We had some glorious weather last week, but I fear we have seen the end of it.

The chief topic of conversation just now is the Hooper case, and I observe the Island papers are devoting some space to it. It is an extraordinary affair, and a good deal of sensational matter has found its way into the press, which may have helped to turn public feeling against him. Every man is presumed innocent until he has been proven guilty, and no one knowing Hooper would ever pick him out for a wife murderer. He is 34 years of age and is a third class clerk in the Post Office Department, at a salary of $700 a year. I knew him slightly, having met him two years ago at the residence of a friend who had rented Hooper's house furnished, and with whom Hooper boarded all winter. It was just before this that he had placed his wife in the Kingston Insane Asylum, while he gave out that she was travelling down south for her health, but we knew pretty well what was the matter, and where she was. Hooper was a noted postage stamp collector, and not long ago, disposed of a valuable collection for over $3,000; at least, he said so himself. He is not at all like any of the pictures which have been published of him. He is very dark, with heavy dark mustache, always well-dressed and, though not so tall, he reminds me very much of Mr. W. H. Ilaszard, formerly of Charlottetown. Hooper suffered severely from rheumatism, which he attributed to exposure in the Northwest Rebellion, but some say he was always rheumatic. My impression of him was that he was a great hero in his own estimation, and that his stories should be taken at a liberal discount. According to his own account, he had seen military service, not only in the Northwest, but in Africa as well. He had a mania for joining benefit societies, and he is said to belong to no less than nineteen of them. These he turned to good account, for as he was constantly disabled from rheumatism, he received enormous "sick benefits," although he was all the time in receipt of his Government salary. Last spring he completed a ten months leave of absence from his office, and the amount of benefits he received from his lodges during that period was up in the thousands. He aimed at prominence and has acquired notoriety. Recently he was hot to establish a branch of the P. P. A.—the Protestant Protective Association—in Ottawa; not that this Protestant principles were so strong, but it was a new society and he wanted to be at the head of it. Indeed, when I made his acquaintance, he was a member of the surpliced choir of St. Alban's Church and was very enthusiastic on the subject. I think it was Heber Haslam whom he induced to accompany him one night to St. Alban's, where the cantata of the "Passion" was being sung during Lent, at which he assisted most devoutly. Altogether, the case is a most mysterious one, and it will be hard for Hooper to explain the purchase of the poisons and the falsehoods he told to procure them:—the notices of his wife's death, published twice before she died, and representing the occurrence to have taken place in two different years and at two different places; as well as other very suspicious circumstances. If the analyst discovers poison in his wife's body, it will go hard with Hooper.

Lady Thompson and her daughter having returned from England, Sir John and they may be expected to settle down again to domestic life. I was much amused at reading a very silly paragraph, copied into the Patriot, about "strained relations" between Sir John Thompson and Sir Charles Tupper. It went on to say that "the Ministers were not invited to the High Commissioner's house in London, and when Sir Charles was in Ottawa it is alleged that he went near none of the Ministers, but kept himself to himself and his friends at the Russell House." The Ministers who were in London last summer were Sir John Thompson, Sir Adolphe Caron and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. No one hints at any estrangement between father and son. I do not know whether Sir Adolphe was at the High Commissioner's or not, but this I do know that Sir John Thompson was not in London, during the whole time he was away, for more than two hours. He sailed direct from New York to Havre, and went thence to Paris. On his way home he arrived in London about 9 p. m., and was in Liverpool next morning, and while Sir John was in London Sir Charles and Lady Tupper were in Liverpool, and their London house closed. After his arrival in Canada, when Sir Charles went West to Winnipeg, he never left the car at Ottawa, and on his return he stayed a couple of days with the young Sir Charles, and did not put up at the Russell, as stated in the paragraph. Sir John Thompson, during this time, was touring in the West. But if the story reproduced in the Patriot were true, is it probable that Sir Charles would have taken passage across the Atlantic in the steamer with Sir John Thompson? Whenever you read of squabbles in the Ministry, you may make up your mind that things political are very quiet at the Capital, as it is a dearth of facts that compels a certain class of correspondents to resort to fiction of the nature I have exposed.

Another "job" which some papers have been making a lot of fuss over, is the superannuation of Mr. Lawrence VanKoughnet, Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, and in this they are aided by Mr. VanKoughnet himself, who assert that he is healthy as a trout, and as fit for work as he ever was. If anyone is to blame for Mr. VanKoughnet's superannuation, it is himself, and his delusion that he is still fit for work, is but a symptom of the disease which is said to have attacked him over a year ago. At any rate, about that time, he was suddenly taken ill in his office, it was said with an affection of the brain. So serious was his malady and so indispensible a change of air for his recovery, that he left Ottawa before he obtained leave of absence, which he overstaid some months, till he was cabled for to return from the continent of Europe. When he came back his first act was to apply for eight months further leave, backed up by strong medical certificates, that it was absolutely necessary to the restoration of his health. Naturally enough, the Government thought, if after four months leave, Mr. Vankoughnet's health requires eight months more to fix him up, he must be pretty well played out, and the best thing is to superannuate him. As soon as Mr. Vankoughnet heard what was in the wind he became miraculously restored to health, it knocked Pink Pills and Dodd's Liver Restorer higher than a burnt boot. By his superannuation and Mr. Hayter Reed's succession, a very large annual saving will be effected. The Indian office at Regina will be closed up, and the work now done there transferred to Ottawa. Mr. Reed has been a long time agent at Regina, drawing a salary of $3,200, the same as Mr. Vankoughnet. The latter deserves no sympathy, although he is going about whining and snivelling, he has for over 30 years fed at the public crib, he has neither chick nor child, he lives most frugally, "according to the straightest sect of his religion," and will enjoy $2,000 a year for the rest of his days. "That mercy I to others show, that mercy show to me," has been exemplified in Mr. Vankoughnet's case; it affords a striking illustration of "chickens coming home to roost." He was a back number of an ancient series, and, under Mr. Reed, it is safe to say the Department of Indian Affairs will be administered with greater efficiency and less pharisaism.

I noticed a paragraph in the Island press, a few weeks ago, copied from the Mainland papers, to the effect that Mr Joseph Pope had completed arrangements with English publishers, for the production of his life of Sir John Macdonald There is no truth in the report. Mr. Pope's book is not yet finished, and while he may have consulted English publishers, it is almost certain that it will be brought out in Canada. It is to be regretted that Mr Pope's labours on the great chief's memoirs should have been interrupted by his employment on the Behring Sea Commission. Still we should be gratified that his talents are in demand, and what are more valuable than talents, his industry and perseverance; for brains are mighty little good without application. His fellow-Islanders will be glad to learn that Mr. Pope's work in Paris was highly appreciated by the British side of the case. Independent of the Colonial Secretary's letter, already published, and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's opinion, Sir Richard Webster was pleased to express his warm commendation of Mr. Pope's services, and only yesterday he received a note from Sir Charles Russell praising his work in the strongest possible terms.

I have several times wondered that The Examiner never contained any extended allusion to my old friend, Mr. C. Birch Bagster, a notice of whose death I read with much regret a few months ago. Here, perhaps, I may be allowed to relate an incident connected with him, which goes to show how small our world really is. Soon after coming to Ottawa I formed the acquaintance of Major Hollinsworth, a son of a brave officer in Her Majesty's service, Capt. Hollinsworth, who was one of the great Napoleon's guard at St. Helena, and who was afterwards one of the "Military Knights of Windsor." One evening my friend Hollinsworth took from his desk a couple of photographs. Asked whose they were. He replied: "My brother and his wife." His brother's photograph was that of an extremely fine-looking man, while that of his wife, a handsome woman, did not look so well, as it was taken in a white dress. Casually my friend remarked that she had been a Miss Bagster. I said the name was familiar. He added, that her family was that of an extensive publishing house in London. I said that I had a friend in Charlottetown, who was connected with that house—Cornelius Birch Bagster. To make a long story short, Mrs. Victor Hollinsworth was Birch Bagster's daughter, her mother having been a Miss Aitken (whom I remember well), a sister of the late W. B. Aitken, of Georgetown. It took fully two hours for Hollinsworth and me to talk the matter over that night. Birch Bagster's mother lived at Windsor, where Captain Hollinsworth was in attendance on the Queen:—there Mrs. C. B. Bagster and her family lived after they left the Island. The young people were well acquainted, and Victor Hollinsworth (called after Her Majesty) married one of the girls, I forget which. Victor Hollinsworth was a tea-planter in China, but is now, I think, living in England. My friend reminded me of an incident I had heard Birch Bagster relate, that his mother lived to be over 100 years of age, and that on her hundreth birthday the Queen sent her a choice bouquet of flowers.

Two years ago, when Robert McGreevy was busy swearing away honest men's characters and betraying his companions in rascality, he was hailed by the Opposition press as a hero, a martyr and sundry other titles expressive of all the virtues. For the past month he has lain in Ottawa goal, detained as a witness for the Crown, because no two persons could be found to go security for his appearance at the trial next month. Where are all his friends and panegyrists of two years ago with their professions of friendship and affection? They vowed the highest confidence in him then; what has he done since to destroy it?

I regret to observe that the Examiner has been misled by the rumour that Lord Aberdeen has demanded the enlargement of Rideau Hall. This is another of the *canards* manufactured by press correspondents of lively imagination. The new Governor General's *entourage* is larger than that of any of his predecessors, but it will cost the country nothing more. They are only so many more mouths to feed and bodies to clothe. The Governor General's salary is not calculated according to the size of his family; it would be the same whether he was a bachelor or had 500 in his retinue. Lord Aberdeen is a man of wealth, which he and his wife spend generously and to good purpose, in works of wide charity. Their character has preceded them; and, apart from their high position, they deserve good treatment at our hands. Enough for this time.

W. C. D.

Ottawa, 15 October, 1893.

BIRTH.

At Summit, Washington, on the 7th inst., the wife of James C. Ferguson, formerly of this city, of a daughter.

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In this city, on Thursday, 19th October, inst., Capt. Michael Walsh, aged 85 years. [Funeral notice later.]

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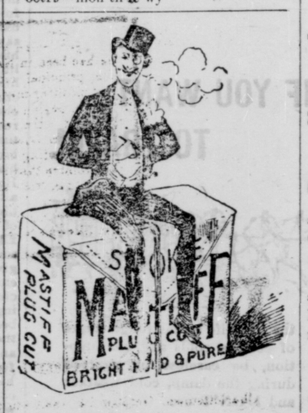

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Special Despatches to The Examiner.

Hotel in Trouble.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 19.

F. A. Jones, of the Dufferin House, has assigned with C. Stockton, as trustee. The liabilities are said to be $15,000, which is probably an under estimate. It is reported that George Murray and C. M. Bostwick, who own the building, and A. O. Skinner, carpet dealer, Mr. Kennedy, grocer, and some butchers are among the largest creditors.

Wonderful Trotting.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 19.

Directum lowered his record by 1¼ seconds yesterday and made the fastest time ever trotted in a race. Directum left his field a sixteenth of a mile. Time by quarters, 32, 1.03½, 1.34, 2.05¼.

Wreck of a Schooner.

Parsboro, Oct. 19.

The three masted schooner Nettie Shaw, from Liverpool, N. S., for Hillsboro, went ashore at the mouth of Apple River on Sunday morning. She is a total wreck.

Death of a Prominent Woman.

Boston, Oct. 19.

Lucy Stone Blackwell, the well-known woman suffragist, is dead.

Mr. Blake's Departure.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.

Mr. Blake leaves for England on November 9th to resume his Parliamentary duties.

Sir John Abbott's Condition.

Montreal, Oct. 19.

Sir John Abbot passed a very uneasy night.

THE NEWS IN SHORT METRE.

Corbett laughs at Fitzsimmons' challenge.

There were sixteen cases of smallpox reported in New York last week.

It is said that Russia is considering the question of the exclusion of America flour from Finland.

One-half of the charters filed with the secretary of state in Kansas for the last two months were for churches and cemeteries.

The Mahomedans have a great university at Fez, which is attended by 700 students. The Koran furnishes the chief course of study there.

Nine states of the union have no town or city containing as many as 20,000 inhabitants. Nine other states have only one city each of 20,000 inhabitants.

A Berlin despatch says that the exuberances of the reception of the Russian fleet at Toulan are regarded with contemptuous indifferance in German official circles.

Breech-loading rifles were invented in 1811, but did not come into general use for many years. It is estimated that over 12,000,000 are now in actual service in the European armies, while 3,000,000 are reserved in the arsenals for emergencies.

It is announced that more than 20,000 patents were granted on inventions involving the industrial application of electricity between January 1, 1876, and December 31, 1892, and the number of new ones is increasing at the rate of more than 200 per annum.

A Rahway, N. J., widow, who had stowed away $500 in small bills in an old bureau drawer, discovered a few days ago that her hoard had been converted into fractional currency by mice. The moral is that hoarding at home in nooks and corners is a raw way of banking.

The Congo is the most wonderful waterway in the world. It is twenty-five miles across in parts, so that vessels may pass one another and yet be out of sight. It has twice the extent of the navigable waters of the Mississippi and its tributaries and three times its population.

It has been computed that in a single cubic foot of the ether which fills all space there are locked up 10,000 foot tons of energy which has hitherto escaped notice. To unlock this boundless store and subdue it to the service of man is a task that awaits the electrician of the future.

—Says the New York Post of Saturday: "The gold reserve took a fresh plunge yesterday of nearly $1,000,000, the balance being less than $86,000,000. The situation becomes more critical every day." And the New York Herald of the same date declares:

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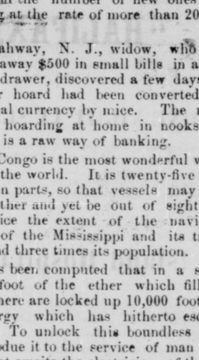

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