

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

As a mere critic of the Government and a bouncing party-man, Mr. L. H. Davies may be right. But as an advocate of the rights and interests of his constituents, he is very eccentric and not at all successful.

"The explanation of the Minister of finance will, I think, be received with general satisfaction. It is clear upon the point, we will be enabled to enter upon the discussion of the Budget with full knowledge of all the appropriations which the Government propose to ask from Parliament for the services for the year 1895-96.

Mark the lawyer-like simplicity of this little speech. The Southern Railway might possibly be among the 'other matters' concerning which Mr. Foster was not prepared to make a statement; and Mr. Davies desired that 'Parliament would not be asked to pledge the credit of the country to any liabilities further than those stated in the Budget speech.'

Mr. Macdonald, of King's, replied to Mr. Davies, and said: We have listened to a long harangue from the hon. member for Queen's, (Mr. Davies) with respect to railway extension in Prince Edward Island, in which he tries to make this House believe that an hon. gentleman who has a seat in another branch of this Parliament, and who has a seat in the Cabinet of this country, had held meetings throughout the length and breadth of Prince Edward Island with a view to promoting railway extension, and to leading the people to believe that the railways were to be constructed by the Government.

The following, which appears in the current issue of the Week, will be endorsed by all right-thinking people: 'As a question on this perplexing question, from one so eminently qualified to give it as Dr. Bourinot, and whose impartiality can be questioned by no one, is to be welcomed by the country at large, and any fuss about the matter is both uncalled for and ill-advised.'

The Northwest freight rate commissioners' report shows, so far as the greater part of Manitoba and the territories are concerned, that the C. P. R. rates are lower than those in the adjoining parts of the United States. It was on the strength of the assertions that the Canadian rates were higher than those maintained on its southern rivers that the commission was appointed. These assertions were made and maintained with a vigor that convinced many in the East that the West was being harshly dealt with, and in a manner to do the West a maximum of harm with possible settlers, and a minimum of good in the way of securing a remedy.

Is the date of the elections, which the workers of both parties should like to see, but it is no secret that Rigby Poron Waterproofs have, by the suffrages of the whole people of Canada, been declared to be worthy of the general confidence, because (1) they are superior to anything in the market, considering solely as a waterproof garment, affording perfect protection from the heaviest down-pour, while at same time giving warmth and ventilation; (2) the material is not affected in any way by the waterproofing process; (3) the durable character of the garment, perfect as it is in each distinctive feature, gives it its superior value during the wet season. Rigby is in the minds, and then on the backs of thousands. Rigby is what to ask for.

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lonly his opposition to railway extension in the lower Provinces, than the hon. member for Queen's. That hon. member and his party have heretofore raised their voices on all occasions against this railway extension. Now, I contend that the Government has a perfect right to grant railway extension where the interest of the country require it. We in Prince Edward Island claim that we have not participated in the benefit of the large expenditures that have been made in other provinces of the Dominion, consequently we think we have a claim on the Government of Canada for consideration, and that being the case, we have a perfect right to ask for an expenditure of this kind. It may be said that a claim of this kind should go to the local government in the way of an increase of subsidy; but the fact is that, while it should like to see railway extension in the Island, I would be very sorry indeed to see an appropriation by this House to meet the claims of the province put into the hands of such an extravagant government as the Liberal Government of Prince Edward Island. When they came into power three or four years ago, they found the province with a very small debt indeed, but they have now rolled up the debt until it is enormous in its proportions; and besides, they have put on an enormous taxation such as had been heretofore unknown in Prince Edward Island. However, their conduct in this respect is only in keeping with Liberal administration in the other provinces of the Dominion.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND THE UNION.

The terms of union with Newfoundland will, in due time, be submitted to Parliament. If the Government had acceded to the request of the Opposition for information as to certain portions of these terms, it would have acted contrary to British practice and it might have seriously complicated the negotiations. The executive government of the country is responsible to Parliament and the country for the conduct of public business, and ought not to be interfered with in a matter of such delicacy and importance. As the terms are altogether subject to the decision of Parliament, and cannot be of the least force or value without the sanction of Parliament, the persistent efforts of the Opposition to wring from the Leader of the House of Commons information concerning them were needless, as well as contrary to precedent. The curiosity of Mr. Davies and his associates ought to be satisfied with the telegrams which have appeared. By the latest advices to the Montreal Gazette, it is announced that the Imperial Government is willing to assume \$5,000,000 of Newfoundland's debt, leaving \$10,000,000 as Canada's share. If this report is correct this would secure the completion of the Newfoundland railway and go far to carry confederation. The news is welcomed by the confederates as removing all difficulties towards the realization of their hopes. If the report be true, there is in it tangible proof that the Mother Country still loves her eldest, though not most prosperous, child and that the consummation of a union between Newfoundland and Canada is not far off.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Halifax Herald: The average annual increase of the net debt of Canada from 1867 to 1894 was \$1 million; from 1867 to 1873, a little over 4 millions; from 1873 to 1894 considerably less than \$1 million; and from 1873 to 1878 over \$1 million. By the Prince Edward Island, in which he tries to make this House believe that an hon. gentleman who has a seat in another branch of this Parliament, and who has a seat in the Cabinet of this country, had held meetings throughout the length and breadth of Prince Edward Island with a view to promoting railway extension, and to leading the people to believe that the railways were to be constructed by the Government.

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THE INQUEST LAST NIGHT.

Rossin Took Enough Poison to Kill Over One Hundred Men.

As inquest in view of the rally of "Dr." Frank Rossin was held last evening in the police court office, before Dr. McLeod, coroner. The witnesses examined were W. S. McKie and his sons John and Edward, Dr. Far- burton, and Geo. E. Hughes, druggist. The facts given in evidence regarding the manner of the suicide were substantially the same as published in the papers yesterday.

Mr. Hughes gave evidence regarding the manner in which Rossin came to get the strychnine. Asked if he recognized the bottle before the court, he replied that he had bottles like it in his store. Deceased got a bottle like that from the witness' store about the first week in April. He said he wanted to start a drug store at New Glasgow Bridge and he wanted a price list. Mr. Hughes had a second sale in which he kept this strychnine. In looking through this safe for the price list, Mr. Hughes lifted out a small powder box containing strychnine. He laid this on the desk over the safe. Rossin opened the box and noticed the bottles. He said, "I want one of these, and I am going to have one." He took one out and put it in his pocket. Witness said, "You don't want that. What are you going to do with it?" Rossin replied, "You will make me a present of this, won't you?" Witness tried to persuade him to put it back, but he took it away with him. There was an eighth of an ounce in the bottle. A medicinal dose would be the thirty-second part of a grain. There were sixty grains in the bottle. There were 1280 doses. Half a grain would kill. There was enough to kill 120 men. There were only about eight grains left in the cup and bottle found in Rossin's room. Rossin took the strychnine without Mr. Hughes's consent. The latter would not give the drug because he did not think Rossin was competent to use it in solid form. He might be competent to use it in doses. Rossin would not write but he seemed competent to administer other powerful drugs. He ordered a prescription on Monday of antipyrine and quinine. But witness thought Rossin had no such scales to weigh strychnine. He (Mr. Hughes) had sold him a set of dram weights, scruples and grains; but witness did not know whether he could use them or not. He did not know that the deceased was not a qualified physician, but he knew that he had been fined for practicing. He would not write his own prescriptions. Witness took no steps to ascertain whether he was a qualified practitioner. If a non-medical person or a minor had taken this poison as Rossin did, he would not have allowed him to leave with it. Mr. Hughes added that he had repeatedly sold Rossin acetate, anti-pyrine, salicin, colicine, and other drugs.

This closed the case, and the coroner addressed the jury. He told them that their duty was primarily to ascertain the cause when and by what means the deceased came to his death, and if it appeared from the evidence before them that any party was accessory to the death by illegally supplying a poisonous drug, that evidence would be submitted to the proper authority, viz. the Attorney-General, and that he should adjudge whether or not any responsibility or liability should attach to such a sale. After deliberating about ten minutes the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by poisoning with strychnine, administered by himself. The coroner has handed a copy of the evidence to the Attorney-General for his consideration.

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TELEGRAPHIC. SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. PARLIAMENT OF CANADA. Sir C. H. Tupper's Illness. Maritime Members and the Lobster Business. OTTAWA, May 15. Yesterday was Ontario day in the House of Commons, and its talkers got in their work on the budget and slim galleries. Members of parliament yesterday learned with regret that the Minister of Justice has been peremptorily ordered to take a rest. Since his partial recovery from an attack of illness a month ago, Sir Charles H. Tupper has not been able to transact more than an hour's work daily. Even that amount of exertion has weakened him, and at the present time there is a slight hemorrhage of the lungs. The Minister has acceded to the command of his medical attendant, and to-day left for Lake Wood, New Jersey, where he will remain until about the 26th inst., or probably longer.

The first Conservative caucus of the session was called for this morning. A large delegation of Maritime members, including Messrs. McLean and Macdonald, of P. E. Island, waited on the Minister of Marine last night and urged several amendments to the Act dealing with the lobster business, especially asking that the provision reducing fees for small packers should take effect this year. The Minister said that the change would go into operation in 1896, but as licenses had already been issued for this year, he did not see his way clear to grant the request.

Politics in Great Britain. Decided Conservative Victory. LONDON, May 15. The Parliamentary election in Watford division of Newington, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Saunders (Liberal), resulted in the election of Mr. Bailey (Conservative) by a large majority.

Reduced, Though Still Large, Profits. MONTREAL, May 15. The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal shows that the profits of 1894 were \$1,210,457 against \$1,113,289 for 1893. The statement is considered satisfactory in financial circles.

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