

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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The Legislative Council Election.

This is the third election of the year. No doubt the people are heartily sick of the worry of elections. But they are compelled to be up and at them. If we had to elect our executive officers as they do in the States, there might be some zest in the business. But ours are mere tiresome struggles to get very great superabundance of Legislators.

Our Legislative machinery now consists of a Lieutenant Governor, with his two Aides-de-Camps and his Private Secretary; a House of Assembly of thirty members, with a Mr. Speaker, a Chief Clerk and Assistant Clerk, two reporters, a Sergeant-at-Arms, two messengers and two door-keepers; and a Legislative Council of thirteen members with a Mr. President, a Clerk, an Usher of the Black Rod, a reporter, a messenger and a door-keeper. Without taking into consideration the Executive Council, who initiate all the Government measures, or the ten Representatives we send to Ottawa, whose duty it is to legislate in the interests of the Island in particular, and Canada in general—we have here—right here in little Prince Edward Island—engaged in the work of legislating for a hundred thousand people—no less than FORTY-FOUR MEN, who are attended and waited upon by a staff of NINETEEN officials and servants.

These sixty-three men with their supplies of stationery, (all tolled) cost the Province, when the Brits were in power, nearly three hundred dollars (\$300) each per year; and even since the marked reductions of the Liberal Conservatives were made, the yearly cost to the taxpayers of each man of them amounts to little less than TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS. Yet it is seriously maintained by the Opposition that this enormous burden of Legislators must not be lightened. The Upper House, (with its officials) is, it is said, necessary as a check upon the Lower House and the Government. Like the Parliament at Westminster which deals with the various affairs of a nation, whose flag flies over the universe never sets, like the Parliament at Ottawa, which legislates for the greater half of a Continent—the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, with the roads and schools of a Province about a hundred miles long to provide for, must (so the Opposition say) consist of two Chambers.

Let us trace the passage of a Bill through the Legislature. We shall see whether there are not now far too many guards and checks upon Legislation, whether or not the responsibility of the guardians and checkers be not now too much diffused and attenuated to secure that watchfulness and carefulness in Legislation, which is necessary to the passage of only good, sound, consistent, workable laws.

We shall suppose the Bill to be a Government measure. The principles to be embodied in it are first discussed and settled in the Executive Council—which is nothing more nor less than an influential Committee of the People's Representatives in the Legislature. The Bill is then under direction of the Attorney General formulated. It is then submitted to a caucus of the Government supporters, and if necessary revised. Then its main points are submitted by separate resolutions to a Committee of the whole House of Assembly; and the whole matter is talked over; if the resolutions are agreed to, the next step is its introduction, which is usually accompanied by a brief explanation. Then it is read "a first time," and is laid on the table to be examined by "Hon. members." On some other day following, it is read a second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House and read and discussed clause by clause. Then it is reported agreed to with or without certain amendments. Then it is engrossed and read a third time; then it is passed and is duly and formally signed by Mr. Speaker and Mr. Clerk. Then it is carried, with a messenger in attendance to open the door to the Legislative Council. There it is read a first time; read a second time; committed to a committee of the whole Council; reported agreed to with (perhaps) certain amendments. Afterwards it is read a third time and passed. Then Mr. Clerk of the Council dons his black robe of office, arranges his memorandum marches to the door of the Lower Chambers, accompanied by a messenger who knocks thunderously. Mr. Sergeant at once grasps nervously his staff of office, comes to attention, gives three authoritative knocks upon the floor, and announces in stentorian voice "Message from the Legislative Council." As quickly as possible, the wrangling of the House settles down to a subdued murmur. Mr. Speaker assumes a look of dignity, and pulls his hat down close upon his head. Mr. Clerk arranges in a due and seemly order, the various papers, with which his desk is bestrewn, smooths mechanically the folds of his very becoming silk gown, and looks severe. All eyes are fixed upon the door. Then Mr. Speaker gives of the word "admit the messenger." The doorkeeper goes through a stately motions, the hinges creak, the door opens. The many form and pleasing face of Mr. Clerk appears. He advances with a low bow, and informs the House that "The Honorable the Legislative Council" have passed the Bill with certain amendments "to which they

desire the concurrence of this Honorable House." Then he delivers his memoranda and with another low bow returns. The House of Assembly then proceeds to consider the "amendments." If they concur, the Bill is ready to be sent to the Lieutenant Governor; if they don't concur, a Committee is appointed to frame "reasons" why the amendments should not be adopted; and before the matter is settled there are perhaps two or three "Conferences" over it. After an agreement has been arrived at; the Bill is sent to the Lieutenant Governor who officially consents to it; and, on the last day of the session, in the presence of all the representatives assembled, he formally gives the vice-regal assent. The Attorney General then makes a short report of the Bill and the reasons for its passage; and the Bill, with the report, is sent to the Department of Justice at Ottawa. The Minister or Deputy Minister examines it, reports favorably or unfavorably; and then he lays it, with his report, before the Governor-General in Council. By His Excellency it is then finally passed or rejected.

In all these stages it is all the while subject to criticisms of a watchful Press and an interested people; and all the while it is liable to be petitioned against. If with good reason, it be considered by the people to be ruinous or very dangerous to their interests, such an agitation could be raised as must lead inevitably to its defeat and the downfall of the Government which introduced it. In the name of common sense, in the name of economy, in the name of good legislation, we ask, are all these stages, all these forms, necessary to good legislation? Is it not even reasonable to suppose that if the Legislature be reduced to one chamber, the remaining checks and guards will be more effective agencies, because there will be more responsibility resting upon them?

Drunkness in Callings. Masters and managers are beginning to realize the responsibility of keeping inebriate men in their employ, and are now taking active measures to ensure a higher standard of conduct, and to secure greater efficiency and safety to all concerned in the various callings. We have before called attention to the fact that, in the majority of cases, drink is the cause of many of the accidents that fill our homes with sorrow. Mr. Spicer, the General Superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway, has just issued the following address to the employees on the road:—"Save your money, benefit your families, ensure safe working, do not risk your own lives, or the public safety, by tolerating as fellow-employees men who occasionally get into a muddled, or worse condition by indulging in drinking habits, which lead to carelessness, recklessness, accidents and a sad list of troubles which we must all desire to prevent."

The above advice is timely and paternal. Railway men, of all others, should be steady, sober, and trustworthy. We look forward to the time when the least appearance of drunkenness in any calling will meet with the immediate dismissal of the inebriate; and, in such responsible positions as railways, steamboats, and banks, the sooner the time comes the better for the men and the public.

Thanksgiving. Thursday, the 9th of November, has been fixed by the Government as a day of Thanksgiving. The time appointed is a most fitting one. Nearly all harvesting operations will be finished and the fruits of the soil garnered. The fishermen will be on hand, to sing the "Harvest Home." In the Thanksgiving don't forget the poor. "Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small. Yes! sing it out lustily; but don't, at the same time, dig your hands past the greenbacks and bills in order to find a ten-cent piece for the poor."

A large advertisement of Mr. E. W. Hyndman, who represents the following Companies—Great Western Marine, of New York; Nova Scotia Marine, of Hartford; Pictou Mutual Marine, of Pictou; Fire Insurance Association, of London, England; Northern Insurance Co., of London and Aberdeen; North American Life Insurance Co.; and Lancashire Life Insurance Co.—is unavoidably crowded out. It will appear to-morrow. Mr. Hyndman's Co's are all first-class in the several departments of Marine, Fire and Life. Give him a call.

Mr. G. W. MILLNER, has completed the carving of a coat of arms for this Province which will surmount the Island Fishery exhibit at the great International Exhibition, shortly to be held at London. The tall hand small oaks have been exquisitely executed, and when finished will look exceedingly handsome.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate IN SEARCH OF SEASICKNESS. S. S. PARKER, Wellington, O., says: "While crossing Lake Erie, I gave it to some fellow passengers, who swore sea-sick, and it gave immediate relief."

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Egyptian Trial.

Fears at Damietta.

ALEXANDRIA, Oct. 22. So far, very little documentary evidence has been adduced at the trial of the rebels, and but little progress has been made. Arabi admits nothing at the trial and is highly indignant at the manner of procedure against him. The Ministry are now inclined to listen favorably to English suggestions concerning the mode of procedure at the trial; they have given consent to new conditions which are thought to be more favorable to Arabi's defence than those which would be allowed by an English court-martial. The inhabitants of Damietta are greatly alarmed at the withdrawal of the troops from that place. They have sent in a protest against the action, saying that a native outbreak will certainly take place if the troops are withdrawn.

Irish Relief Committee.

DUBLIN, Oct. 22. It was announced yesterday that the Irish Relief Committee would be merged in Irish National League on the 30th.

Incendiary Placards.

NIHILISTS AT WORK

PARIS, Oct. 22. Incendiary placards against the landlords have been posted in the poorer quarters of Paris. The troubles arise from charging some workmen with a conspiracy to wage civil war. In Paris, threatening placards are nightly posted on the walls at Montceau-les-Mines, and threatening letters are sent to the managers of the mines. There have been several arrests, including that of Berdat, the principal ringleader and a notorious anarchist. The trial of twenty-three rioters will begin at Chalons on Wednesday next. The indictment charges the prisoners with attempting to wage civil war, a crime which is punishable with death. The President of the Court which is trying the rioters of Montceau les Mines has received an anonymous letter threatening that the Palace of Justice will be blown up with dynamite. News has been received here that incendiaries are at work in Russia. Fires started by the Nihilists are taking place all around St. Petersburg. It is thought that there is a general plot to surround the city.

DOMINION NEWS.

Dreadful Shipwreck—The Supreme Court—Winnipeg Electrified—Mousseau Elected.

Special to the Examiner. MONTREAL, Oct. 23. The British steamer "Wambe" from Hong Kong to Victoria, British Columbia, with passengers for work on the railway, has been wrecked off Vancouver Island, and it is feared that all hands are lost. The Supreme Court of the Dominion opens to-morrow at Ottawa. Among the cases on the list is that of the Queen vs. Helliwell and others, an appeal against damages awarded parties injured by the accident on the Prince Edward Island Railway. Winnipeg was lighted by electricity on Saturday night. Mousseau, the Premier of the new Quebec Government has been elected for "Two Mountains."

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Oct. 20. The Telegraph's Cairo correspondent says, the Egyptian ministry are considering the appointment of a Council of Finance, who will have a seat in the Cabinet, with a consultative voice on finance only, to replace joint controllers. The Times Cairo despatch says, the trial of Arabi is not expected to take place until after the festival of Bavian. The ship "Henry," at Liverpool from St. John, N. B., Sept. 20th, lost part deck-load on the passage. BADEN, Oct. 20. The Emperor William has entirely recovered from his indisposition. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20. The Record will, to-morrow, publish exposure of thefts committed by Phipps, Superintendent of the Philadelphia almshouse, now in Canada awaiting extradition. The article says his thefts reach a total \$650,000, covering a period of nine years. SAN ANTONIO, Oct. 20. In a fight between Mexican Customs office and smugglers yesterday, four of the latter were killed and four captured. The smugglers had over \$20,000 worth of jewelry.

UPTON PARK RACES.

Thursday, November 2nd, ONE P. M. SHARP. GREEN RACE—Purse of \$40.00. TWO-FIFTY CLASS—Purse of \$50.00. FREE FOR ALL—Purse of \$75.00. In each class three-fifths of the purse to go to first; two-fifths of balance to second; remainder to third. Five to enter and three to start. Entrance Fee, 15 cent per purse. Entries to be made on or before Tuesday, October 31st. H. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

LONDON HOUSE.

Now Opening ex S. S. Victoria, Waldensian and Cedar Grove

Ladies' Beaver and Plush Hats, Ladies' Silk Scarfs, Ladies' Jersey Gloves, Ladies' Alexandra Jackets, Children's Woollen Pelisses, Promenade Scarfs and Squares, Beehive Wools, Cocoon Wools, Ice Wools, Berlin Wools, Moire and Broche Sash Ribbons, Gentlemen's Lambs' Wool Underclothing, Gentlemen's Merino Underclothing, Gentlemen's Kid Mitts and Gloves.

GEO. DAVIES & CO. Charlottetown, Oct. 5, 1882.

DRY GOODS!

MILLINERY AND CLOTHING.

J. B. MACDONALD is opening an immense Stock of Goods this Fall. The Public will find his store one of the best stocked in the City. Ladies when buying Dress Materials, Shawls, Mantles, Cloths, and all kinds of woollens, should go straight to

J. B. MACDONALD'S. When wanting Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Gloves, Hosiery, go to

J. B. MACDONALD'S. GENTLEMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Over 1,000 Overcoats, Jackets and Ulsters to choose from. The biggest bargains ever given in this City.

J. B. MACDONALD, QUEEN STREET. Oct. 4, 1882—wklly pat, ne pres

FIRE INSURANCE.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY, Head Office—Liverpool, England. AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE CO., Head Office—Watertown, New York.

The undersigned having been appointed General Agents for the above first-class British and American Fire Insurance Companies, are prepared to insure all classes of insurable property on as good terms and at as low rates as they can be taken by any Company now solvent and intending to remain so. Office—South Side of Queen Square, opposite the Post Office, Charlottetown, P. E. Island. D. & A. DESBRISAY & ANGUS, GENERAL AGENTS. Oct. 5, 1882. No person is authorized to collect monies for any of the above Companies in this Province without producing a receipt signed by us, and any one paying money to any one without getting such receipt, will do so at their own risk.

D. A. BRUCE, MERCHANT TAILOR.

Is now offering Cash Buyers the BEST VALUE that can be had in the market, in Broadcloth, Worsted, Scotch and Canadian Tweed Suits.

A magnificent range of GENTS' FURNISHINGS, AMERICAN WHITE & COLORED SHIRTS, Collars, Ties, Underclothing, English and American Hats.

Our Readymade Clothing is Manufactured on the Premises, fashionably cut, well sewed, and having good trimmings, Will be sold as Cheap as Imported.

We invite you to inspect our Goods. D. A. BRUCE, Charlottetown, May 22, 82. 72 Queen Street.

POPULAR SINGING SCHOOL!

SEVERAL musical friends in this city have strongly recommended that the cultivation of the art of music should be brought within the reach of all, and suggested that the tuition fee at first proposed should be reduced to one dollar each, for a course of twenty seasons, and thus render it more popular among the youth in our midst. In accordance with the foregoing proposition, the subscriber would announce that a Singing Class will be held in St. James' Hall (Old Kirk), on Tuesday evening of each week, at eight o'clock, during the winter months, at one dollar each for twenty evenings' tuition, where the principles of vocal music will be taught and exemplified, together with such practical exercises as will be requisite for the development of the art of singing. The first lesson will be given in the above Hall on next Tuesday evening, Oct. 24th. All who choose to come are welcome. JOHN ROSS, Teacher. Ch'town, Oct. 21, '82.—31

TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until SATURDAY, the 28th inst., for the erection of an addition to the Osborne House. Plans and specifications to be seen at the Osborne House on and after Monday, the 23rd inst. C. V. McEGREGOR. Oct. 20, '82.—fr m w fr. pat as to th.

LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

A CONVENTION of Liberal-Conservatives will be held at Brian's Cross, Lot 31, on Wednesday, the 21st day of November next, at 5 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of selecting a candidate in the interests of the taxpayers of the District, for the Legislative Council Election now approaching, and any other business affecting the interests of the District. Delegates from the various sections of this large and important Legislative District are respectfully requested to attend. ALEX. C. SHAW, Acting Secy of Com. St. Catherine's, Oct. 20, 1882.

CONCERT!

A PUBLIC CONCERT, under the auspices of the Women's Temperance Benevolent Society, will be held in the

Y. M. C. A. HALL, Thursday, the 2nd November, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

THE PROGRAMME is unusually good one, and which promises some of the best musical talent of the city—will be published in a few days. THE LADIES will spare no pains to make this Concert the very best of the season; and hope that, as the object is to aid the poor, it will be generously patronized by the public. Doors open at 7.30. Admission 25 cents. Tickets to be had at the door. Ch'town, Oct. 21, '82.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

TO LET—Brick Warehouse and Store on Weymouth Street, near St. Peter's Road. For particulars apply to L. C. OWEN. [Oct 23 1w]

PIANO FOR SALE—An excellent toned 61 octave Cottage Piano, London make, Walnut case, the property of a lady leaving the Province, will be sold cheap. Enquire at EXAMINER Office. [Oct 23 2d]

WANTED—In an office, an active boy who can write a good hand. Apply at EXAMINER Office. [Oct 23 3d]

FOUND—On Friday, on South Side of Queen Square, a parcel of merchandise. The owner can have the same by applying to Joseph Mahar, Cumberland St. [Oct 21]

TO LET—A French Roof Cottage, with large garden, east end, Euston Street. Apply to William Pennell. [Oct 21]

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A Nurse to go to Stellarton, N. S. Apply to Mrs. A. Lord. [Oct 20 4t]

WANTED—Four Gentlemen Boarders. Apply to Mrs. Robert Rodd, opposite Pickard's Bakery. [Oct 16 wklly 2t]

A FAMILY, consisting of a young married couple, two children and a young lady, desire to obtain board, &c., in the city for the winter. They require two bed rooms and a sitting room. Persons who can accommodate them will please address N. S., this office, giving locality, terms, &c., on or before Thursday, the 26th inst. [Oct. 18, 1882. 5ina]

TO LET—On Hillsborough Street, a house containing eight rooms, in good repair. Possession given immediately, if required. Apply on the premises.—W. L. WELNER. [Oct 17 4t]

BOARDERS—Two or three Boarders can be accommodated in a private family, with bedrooms and parlour. Apply at EXAMINER Office. [Oct 17 4t]

TO LET—The shop on Queen Street known as the "Italian Warehouse." For particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Palmer & McLeod. [Oct 17 2w eod pd]

WANTED immediately at the Royal Albert Hotel, a sober respectable young man to attend Steamers and Trains, and to wait tables. References required. Oct 9 6t law

LOST—Between Y. M. C. A. rooms and Normal School on Saturday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, a Railway Bag, brown on one side and gray on the other. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at the EXAMINER Office. [Oct 9]

WANTED a Girl for General Housework to go to Moncton, N. B. Liberal wages to a competent person. Apply at EXAMINER Office. [Oct. 9 4t]

HORSE FOR SALE—Apply at the EXAMINER Office. [Oct 9]