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THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MAY 14, 1897.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The idea, which somehow got abroad previous to the introduction of the Fielding tariff, that there was to be an increase of duties upon tobacco, whiskey, sugar, tea, etc., resulted in the entry at the Customs of abnormally large quantities of these articles and a proportionally large increase of the revenue. At the end of February the revenue was less than that of the same period in the previous year by all but a million dollars. But during March and April, Customs and Excise duties were paid in to the amount of nearly three million dollars more than in the previous year. So it happens that at the end of ten months in the present fiscal year the revenue of Canada stands at \$31,936,722 as against \$29,974,629 at the end of the corresponding ten months of last year. Commenting upon this fact, the Ottawa correspondent of the Halifax Herald aptly remarks that "the revenue which has been paid during March and April anticipates the payments, not only for the remaining two months of this fiscal year but for a great part of next year. More than six months' excise duties have been paid in these two months, and a great deal of customs revenue has been collected in the same way in advance. The next two months will be very lean; and next year Mr. Fielding will be between two and three million dollars short of the revenue properly belonging to that year, in addition to what he loses by the payment of duties at the lower scale in place of the higher duty which has now been imposed."

HORSE BREEDING IN CANADA.

The demand for horses is stiffening, and the prices paid for horses of excellent quality are somewhat improved. Breeders of horses will be encouraged by this fact. The pity is that our farmers are not prepared to supply more of the kind of horses that are needed,—the high-stepping, handsome horses which suit the fancy of wealthy gentlemen, and the strong, active saddle horses required by the army. It is reported by the London Daily Mail that "a party of fifteen cavalry officers, accompanied by six veterinary officers, left Southampton on the steamer Danube, of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for Buenos Ayres on Friday last for the purpose of selecting as many as 8,000 or 10,000 horses suitable for campaigning under the most trying circumstances." There can be no doubt that the British Government would much rather send to Canada than to South America. But experience has proved to the British Army authorities that we have not horses of the kind required for use in the field. So the money and the profit which we might have had has passed us by. We have repeatedly called the attention of our Government to the expediency of importing one or more powerful English thoroughbreds for service in this Province. Private enterprise will not venture the expense of importing these valuable animals; the Government has failed to do so; and consequently our farmers and the Province at large are out of the thousands upon thousands of dollars which would now, as a result of the increasing demand for horses of such quality, flow into the Province if we only had them for sale.

A NEW GRASS.

Dr. SAUNDERS has called attention to a new variety of grass which he imported from Northern Europe and has developed at the Experimental Farm. A few days ago he brought down to the Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons some specimens of the grass, which is much more advanced than other pasturage at this season. Dr. Saunders thinks that it is an improvement on timothy, inasmuch as it comes to maturity the year it is sown, grows abundantly on very dry soil, is excellent pasture grass and still more excellent fodder. It is particularly adapted to the Northwest and is being largely introduced in the prairie country. But it might be tried here.

ARBOR DAY IN THE SCHOOLS.

WEST KENT SCHOOL.

The morning of to-day was not, on account of the light drizzling rain, such as most people would desire for the celebration of Arbor Day. As the morning advanced, however, the weather became fine and the work projected for the day was carried out as previously arranged. At 9:30 o'clock the pupils of the school were assembled in front of the school building to await the arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor, who had kindly consented to open the proceedings. Upon his Honor's arrival, the memorial Victorian jubilee tree—an oak-leaved mountain ash—was planted in his presence and was held in position by Miss May Dorsey, of the Principal's department. Principal Miller in addressing His Honor thanked him for his presence and expressed the gratification felt by the teachers and pupils of the school that he should visit them in their Arbor Day work. The Governor then addressed teachers and pupils in his usual happy style after which the National Anthem was sung by the school with concert accompaniment by Mr. Owen. The planting of other trees then followed, a European ash, and several species of Maple—a Silver, Norway and Manitoba maples.

At 11 o'clock all were assembled in the hall, where the following programme was rendered:—

Chorus.....Arbor Day Song
Recitation.....Louise Wakefield
Chorus—"Men of Harlee"
Recitation.....Annie Gillis
Address.....Rev. Mr. Campbell
Chorus—"Massa's in the Cold Ground"
Address.....Hon. D. Laird
Kindergarten Song.....Primary Pupils
Address.....Rev. Mr. Bryan
"God Save the Queen"

The addresses, as would be expected from Rev. Messrs. Campbell and Bryan and ex-Governor Laird, were eloquent and appropriate, containing many words of advice and instruction, combined with the descriptive and narrative features usual in Arbor Day addresses.

UPPER PRINCE STREET SCHOOL.

As usual, Arbor Day was celebrated at Upper Prince Street in an elaborate manner. First on the programme was the work of decorating the school grounds with flowers, etc. Two memorial trees were planted, one to honor the memory of the late Miss Brown, who last Arbor Day was a teacher in the school, and the other to commemorate the present jubilee year of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. When both these trees were planted with appropriate ceremony, the pupils, teachers and visitors repaired to the hall where an excellent musical and literary programme was carried out. Part of the programme was in reference to birds so that bird-day was celebrated as well as Arbor Day. Below is the programme:

PROGRAMME.

Song—"Come Away to the Fields". School
Recitation—"The Beech Tree's Petition"
.....Hazel Hughes
Arbor Day Essay.....Louise Melish
Recitation—"The Olive Tree"
.....Josie Barrett
Dialogue—"The Red, White and Blue"
.....Miss Robertson's Dept
Recitation—Selection from "Old Crier"
.....Edna White
Recitation—"The Jewelled Trees"
.....Bessie Boyer
Recitation—"The Yellow Violet"
.....Eva MacFarlane
Song—"Oh, Come Again"
.....School
Essay—"Birds"
.....Ethel Pope
Kindergarten Song—"Cuckoo"
.....Primary Classes
Recitation—"The King Fisher"
.....Alice Wynne
Recitation—"Bird Day Selection"
.....Miss McMurray's Department
Recitation—"The Stormy Petrel"
.....Maud McCannell
Kindergarten Song.....Primary Classes
Recitation—"The Secret"
.....Jean Perkins
Recitation—"The Bird That Sings"
.....Marion Pope
Recitation—"The Bobolink"
.....Sarah Vanbuskirk
Song—"Home's Sweet Harmony"
.....School
Addresses.....School
"God Save the Queen"

Addresses were given by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Howland and Rev. Mr. Sutherland. The essays read by the young ladies were exceptionally good. The singing by some hundreds of children was a very pleasing feature.

QUEEN SQUARE SCHOOL.

The celebration of the above day was observed at Queen Square School this forenoon. A memorial tree commemorative of the jubilee year was planted by the pupils. At ten o'clock the pupils of the different departments were massed in the upper hall where a short programme was carried out. Brief addresses were given by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Howland and D. J. McLeod, Esq., Superintendent of Education.

THE VELESTINO FIGHT.

Smolenski Was Doing Grandly When Ordered to Retire.

Stephen Crane, the novelist, telegraphs the New York Journal from Volo: When this war is done, Velestino will be famed as its greatest battle. The Greeks began with a reverse at Larissa and the world expected the swiftest possible conclusion; but Velestino proved that the Greek soldier, when well led, can cope successfully with the Turks, even though outnumbered.

This battle proved them good fighters, long fighters, and stayers. It must have surprised the world after Larissa. I know all Greece rejoiced, and this battle's effect upon the Greek soldiers is like champagne. It made them perfectly happy. To be sure the army retreated from Velestino, but it was no fault of the army. The commander bit his fingers, and cursed when the order came to retreat. He knew his army had victory within its grasp. For three days he had been holding the Turks beautifully in check, killing them as fast as they fell upon him. In the middle of the intoxication of victory, came the orders to fall back.

Why? Reverse or something of that sort in other places may have been the reason, if there was a reason. Gen. Smolenski knew, of course, that his retreat sacrificed Volo, and he raged like a soldier and a general. But like a soldier and a general, he obeyed the orders, and the Turks occupied Velestino. And this after three days successful fight. The troops were jubilant the commander confident—then the Crown Prince ordered a retreat! The orders of retreat crashed every man of this command. How the soldiers talked! No body wanted to fall back, save a few who would have fallen back anyhow.

The Greeks understood the superior number of Turks, but they had whipped a vastly superior number of Turks for three days, and wanted to do it again. The slaughter of the Turks on the second day of the fight was enormous. The fire of the Greeks was so fierce that the Turkish soldiers while charging shielded their eyes with their hands. Eight charges the Turks made on this day and they were repulsed every time. The desperate Turkish cavalry even attacked their enemy on the steep, rocky hill. The insane, wicked squadrons were practically annihilated. Scattered fragments slid slowly back, leaving the plain black with wounded and dead men and horses. The Greek troops fought with the steadiness of salaried book keepers, never tired, never complaining.

It was a magnificent exhibition. The Greeks fought all the time with an artillery fire on them, even in a musketry lull. But nobody minded anything. The Turks were in great numbers and fought according to the precepts of their religion. But the Greeks were never daunted, and whipped them well.

On the third day, the Turkish guns were superior to those of the Greeks who had mostly mountain howitzers. The Turkish artillery consisted principally of regulation field pieces, and I learned to curse the German officer who directed their fire. I think these officers are the normal results of German civilization, which teaches that a man should first of all be a soldier; ultimately he becomes simply a soldier, not man at all. I consider these German officers hired assassins. One has strong feelings under such circumstances as these.

Smolenski wept when orders came to retire.

Late returns from the Quebec election give the Liberals 49 members in the new Legislature and the Conservatives 24.

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300 Men's All-Wool Old Coats—left over from our best selling \$10.12 and \$15 suits—sizes—33, 34, 35 up to 40 inch. During Sale. **\$2.50**

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Our prices for similar goods have been \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50. Note: Not a thread of cotton or any particle of waste enters the composition of any of the material used. Every pair of Trousers is warranted strictly all-wool—and comes straight from the work rooms to the counters.

Summer Coats in Luster and Silk at sweeping reductions for cash.

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Sailor Suits, \$1.75 for \$1. Other lines in Sailor Suits new—25 per cent. off.

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