

THE DAILY EXAMINER
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Legislative Council Elections.

THE Oppositionists and their candidates—leaders and led—all—except their organ, which is strangely out of tune—admit, either openly or by implication, that a reduction of the Legislature is necessary. They dare not face the country with any other statement. Even the man who has for years been President of the Legislative Council—the man who knows best about the true inwardness of the Second Chamber—the man who, most of all, is interested in the maintenance of the Legislature—tells the electors that "under our altered circumstances since Confederation, and consequent lessening of Legislation," he believes "an alteration of the Constitution might be advisable," and that he "would support any measure which would secure to owners of property their relative influence."

When writing about this subject a few days ago, we were under the impression that health and vital statistics were clearly within the province of the Dominion Government. We have since learned that there is a doubt about this—that it is a disputed point whether the collection of statistics is a duty of the Dominion authorities or of the Local authorities. The matter is, consequently, in a very unsatisfactory state; and our City Council, if they take action at all, should, we think, proceed with caution, and with due regard to the state of the City. The collection of statistics by this Municipal City or Province is quite impracticable. The work could not be done; or if done, would not be trustworthy. Consequently any arrangement involving merely a Central Bureau of Health, to which our local statisticians would report, would be to us quite useless. The impropriety of paying an unknown sum as expenses for a medical delegation to Ottawa is, under these circumstances, apparent—the more so when we take into consideration the present financial state of the city and the taxpayers. To obtain a satisfactory means of collecting our health and vital statistics, the Council might well expend a considerable sum; but we can't afford to fritter away a lot of money upon a delegation which can accomplish nothing. As the approaching meeting will be one of leading medical men, we have no doubt that some of our physicians would, if furnished with credentials, be glad to pay their own expenses, and give their advice on behalf of the Province "free gratis for nothing."

The Patriot, which is alone in pleading for the Second Chamber, says the statement of the Montreal Witness and the Toronto Globe have no bearing upon this Province, because our Legislative Council is elective, and because we have here a Free Franchise for the Popular Branch of the Legislature. Well, here's what the Montreal Witness says:—

"Our little Provincial Parliaments with their Upper Houses of play-lords are the laughing stock of the world, and now that Canada is beginning to attract attention should be swept away for this if no other reason. Now that we have become men, and desire to be regarded as such, we should put away "childish things."

And this is what the Toronto Globe says:—

"Certainly any step toward simplifying the machinery and lessening the expense of local legislation is a step in the right and common sense direction. Still it seems difficult to see what necessary function is to be performed by an Upper House of Parliament of the dimensions indicated, unless, indeed, it be to furnish a tangible illustration, and *reductio ad absurdum*, of the pettiness of the conservatism which persists in travelling on every little colonial platform the grand stagers of the British House of Lords."

These emphatic opinions of the most influential of the Liberal and Grit organs in Canada are rather strengthened than weakened, in their application to this Province, by the fact that our Legislative Council is elective. If the Councillors were an independent body, they might be some check—though they wouldn't be needed. But they are elected by the very same men who possess the whole of the influence which secures the election of members of the House of Assembly. They have precisely the same interests to consider, and are practically subject to precisely the same influences as members of the Lower House. How then is it to be expected that they can look at public matters from a different point of view, or that their acts will be different? One of the greatest of writers in Representative Government says:—

"If there are two Houses, one considered to represent the people, the other to represent only a class, or not to be representative at all, I cannot think that democracy is the ruling power in society, the second House would have any real ability to resist even the aberrations of the first. It might be suffered to exist in deference to habit and association, but not as an effective check."

And if this be so how is it possible that our elective Legislative Council could be anything else than it has been—a mere echo of the sounds—a mere register of the deeds, good, bad, and indifferent, of the Lower House—an "Upper House" of play-lords (or play-things)—but "*reductio ad absurdum*" of pettiness.

If we point to Ontario—which is forty times as big as the Island—and say, "here is a Province which gets on very well without a Second Chamber," the Patriot says Ontario has not a free franchise. But, it must be remembered, the circumstances of Ontario are very different from those of Prince Edward Island.

Ontario has several large cities and many large towns; containing thousands upon thousands of a floating population. The franchise of Ontario consequently frames with a view to these circumstances. But in the country districts it is practically as free as it is here. Suppose a farmer in Ontario owns property to the value of \$1,000 and has four sons living with him, and all his sons can vote; if he has property to the value of \$1,200 and has five sons living with him, he and all his sons can vote; if he has property to the value of \$1,400 and has six sons, he and all his sons can vote. So that, in the agricultural districts of Ontario, where farmers own holdings similar to those of this Island and where the mere "man servant" is, as he is here, almost unknown—the suffrage at elections includes, as it does here, the manhood of the country.

Statistics.

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Editorial Notes.

—The New York Herald remarks that "the most determined opponent of woman in her efforts to extend the sphere of her usefulness in politics, the professions, or in business, hardly can object to her appearance in the temperance field. She is the greatest sufferer from the vice and crime of drunkenness, and no one is better entitled to be heard on the subject than she is."

—The Toronto Mail Montreal correspondent says the deposit of \$200 of a candidate for election, in a county not far from that city, has been seized while in the hands of the returning officer for debt.

Hon. Edward Blake, Q. C., counsel for Mr. Mowat, at Kincairdine the other day, says:—

"He highly commended the principle of arbitration, and said, as a lawyer, he would advise them (his hearers) to keep out of the hands of the lawyers as long as they could, and if they got into them to get out as soon as they could."

Whereupon the Toronto Mail remarks that the Ontario Government consists of six members, and exactly five of these are lawyers. The people of Ontario are in the hands of the lawyers, and, as Mr. Blake says, they had better get out of them as soon as possible.

—Statistics kept at Castle Garden show the number of aliens landing at the great metropolis of the great Republic from each of the countries of the globe. A statement of this sort covering the nine months that have elapsed since the 1st of January, 1882, has just been prepared. The whole number of foreign searage and cabin passengers was 377,073 less by 1,441 than that reported upon the manifests of the vessels bringing them. Of these there were 206,597 adult males, 104,549 adult females, and 83,166 children who were under 12 years of age. From England there came 33,530 persons; from Ireland 45,650; Scotland, 11,455; Wales, 3,446; Germany, 159,611; Austria, 2,144; Hungary, 6,913; Sweden, 37,675; Norway, 13,821; Denmark, 11,342; Netherlands, 6,606; Belgium, 815; Switzerland, 9,312; France, 3,573; Italy, 22,505; Roumania, 56; Greece, 92; Spain, 1,229; Portugal, 6; Russia, 14,913; Luxemburg, 404; Bohemia, 6,227; Turkey in Europe, 1,5; India, 5; China, 278; Japan, 3; British East Indies, 11; Africa, 104; British America, 303; West Indies, 1,351; Mexico, 266; Central America, 152; South America, 352; Sandwich Islands, 1; Australia, 21; New Zealand, 9; Iceland and Greenland, 5; Bermudas, 53. The total number who came from Europe was 291,428.

At the recent unveiling of the statue of Balfe, the composer, in Westminster Abbey, Canon Duckworth compared Balfe with Charles Dickens as a benefactor of the masses, a minister of the purer light and recreation of his countrymen of every rank.

Local and Other Items.

THE barque "Devonport" has been purchased by Hon. L. C. Owen.

REMARKABLE for penetration and mysterious in action is St. Jacobs Oil.

JOHN W. MACKAY, the bonanza millionaire, lately paid \$20,000 for four young horses in California.

THE barque "Edith Carmichael," Messrs. E. Chern, master, arrived at New York on the 31st Oct., from Rotterdam.

RICH SEAL CLOTHS, Mantle Cloths, and Ulster Cloths, just opened. Sequences and Ulsters cut and fitted at short notice.—WEERS & CO.

THE City Small Debt Court was in session this forenoon. Nearly one hundred cases were disposed of, including a large number for horse and carriage tax.

A REGULAR MEETING of King Solomon Lodge, No. 9, will be held at the Masonic Hall, this evening, at eight o'clock, sharp. Election and work. Visiting brethren invited.

MR. SMITH, City Surveyor, has completed an excellent crossing at the corner of Great George and King Streets. The work is well done, and was much required at that place.

PARTIES wishing sittings Thanksgiving Day will please make engagements as soon as possible, and avoid the rush. Groups a specialty. COK & CO.

JUDGE LOBANGER, in Ottawa, on Friday last, gave judgment, establishing the will of the late Miss Barbara Scott, in which she bequeathed \$10,000 to McGill College.

No. 3 Company, 82nd Battalion, will parade in full strength in the Drill Shed this (Monday) evening, at 7.30 o'clock, sharp, for special drill in uniforms and forage caps. By order, Daniel Stewart, Captain.

THE steamer "Relief" arrived from Picton, yesterday, with an engine and tender for the P. E. Island Railway. She left in the afternoon and will return again to-day with another engine.

THE City Council met on Saturday evening. The object was to consider the advisability of sending a delegate to Ottawa to meet with delegates from other cities, for the purpose of discussing the propriety of registering the vital statistics of all the cities of the Dominion. A letter was read from the chairman of the Montreal Board of Health regarding the matter; and the meeting adjourned until to-morrow evening.

THE Reverend Doctor Eaton says: "The women can't be preachers; that female voices are so weak. They're at the best but screechers."

Now, why this reverend man so speaks, I cannot once conjecture; For well I know, say what he may, All womankind can lecture!

Louisville Courier Journal.

SUPREME COURT—Judge Peters to-day gave judgment in the Brecken-Jenkins election case, and decided to count the uninitial ballot papers. This puts Brecken sixteen votes over Jenkins. The further consideration of the case is set down for the 15th December next. The Merchant Bank of Halifax vs. William G. Strong.—The rule to set aside the writ of inquiry issued in this case was discharged and the coroner directed to proceed. The application of Donald Campbell for a writ of *certiorari*, to remove a Summerside South Act conviction was dismissed. The other South Act cases from Summerside are now being argued.

Tax depuration of the Toronto Licensed Victuallers' Association, which waited on Sir John lately, published on the 3rd inst., a statement of the interview, in which they say: "The objects of the depuration were to ascertain from Sir John Macdonald whether it was the intention of the Dominion Government to take into its hands the regulation of the license law, and if in so doing it was its intention to do away with the marked political character of the existing Crooks Act. In answer to the above Sir John stated that it was the intention of the Government to take the matter into its hands, as such a matter was forced upon it by the late decision of the Privy Council in regard to the Scott Act, and that in the framing of a measure it was their intention to make it strictly non-political."

THE Very Rev. Dr. Walsh, who has been ill at Bedford for some time past, died on the 2nd inst. The deceased made his preliminary studies at St. Jarlath College, in the County of Tuam, Ireland, and his Theological studies at All Hallows Foreign Missionary College, Dublin. (Came to Nova Scotia in 1846. Was ordained by the late Archbishop Walsh in St. Mary's Cathedral, the same year. He was afterwards stationed at Upper Prospect, Windsor, and Liverpool. He left there a quarter of a century ago for the diocese of Boston, and Portland, where he remained for several years. He returned to Nova Scotia two years ago, and was stationed at Bedford, where he remained to the time of his death. To the late Dr. Walsh's generosity the new churches of Wolfville and Shelburne owe their existence. His death was not at all unexpected, for it has been plainly evident during the past few weeks that he was nearing his end.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Nov. 6—10 a. m. Moderate winds; fine weather; not much change in temperature.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

REVERE HOUSE. Nov. 4—Barry D. Blunt, St. John; C. A. Sautter, Montreal; E. J. Howell, do; Charles Bourton, do; J. J. Norman, do; S. S. Kimball, do; James McLeod, Colorado; Miss Stephen, Owell; M. Stephens, do; D. Buchanan, Summerside.

DIED.

At the residence of Hon. John Goff, Cardigan, P. E. I., on Saturday the 4th inst., at seven p. m., of decline, Fide Goff, Esq., aged 63 years. [Funeral will arrive at Sherwood Cemetery at 9.30 to-morrow (Tuesday) by morning train from Charlottetown.]

FOR CHARTER.

THE Brig, "Lottie Belle," now due at this port, will accept a charter for United States or West Indies. Apply to LONGWORTH & CO. Charlottetown, Nov. 6, 1882.—2w 2w

The Accident Insurance Company of Canada.

NOTICE.

AS Mr. M. A. Cameron is no longer connected with the Accident Insurance Company of Canada, all parties are hereby notified that the subscribers only are authorized to transact business in connection with said Company.

F. S. HANFORD & CO., AGENTS. Charlottetown, Nov. 6, 1882.—3f 6od

1847. Canada Life Assurance Company. 1882.

Capital and Funds over 5,000,000 Dollars. Average Income over 1,000,000 Dollars.

HEAD OFFICE, HAMILTON, ONT.

Managing Director and Pres't: A. G. RAMSAY. Secretary: R. HILLS. Supt. of Agencies: ALEX. RAMSAY.

Abstract of 35th Annual Report to 30th April, 1882:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Assets 30th April, 1882, Income for the year, Income from interest, Claims by death and matured endowments, etc.

Abstract of Life Insurance in Canada for the Year 1881: (Condensed from the Superintendent's Annual Report for 1881.)

Table with 4 columns: Description, Premiums for year, Amount of Policies New, Number of Policies in force at date, Net Amount in force at date. Includes Canada Life, Citizens, Confederation, Life (Mutual), North American, etc.

Intending Insurers can judge from the foregoing as to where they can place their patronage with the greatest SAFETY and ADVANTAGE.

MARITIME PROVINCE BRANCH—169 Hollis Street, Halifax, N. S. P. McLAUREN, General Agent for N. S., P. E. I., and N. F. D. H. McGARVEY, Secretary. Honorary Directors for P. E. Island—Chas. Palmer, Esq.; W. E. Dawson, Esq.; Hon. W. W. Sullivan; Geo. R. Beer, Esq.; Hon. J. S. Carvell; R. R. Hodgson, Esq. Medical Advisers at Charlottetown—F. D. Beer, Esq.; M. D.; W. H. Hobkirk, Esq., M. D. With Agencies in Summerside, Souris, Georgetown, Capraud, and Montague. W. W. McLEAN, Agent for Charlottetown. Nov. 4, 1882.

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. DESBRISAY & ANGUS, GENERAL AGENTS. Oct. 5, 1882.

NEW FRUIT. NEW TEA.

200 Boxes Very Choice New Valencias, SOLD CHEAP BY THE BOX. ORDERS SOLICITED.

NEW TEA

Just Received from London by "Erema." QUALITY WARRANTED EXCELLENT.

HALF-CHESTS AND CADDIES VERY LOW.

GIVE IT A TRIAL.

BEER & GOFF.

Charlottetown, Oct. 27, 1882. 2aw

The City of London Fire Insurance Company.

CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

DIRECTORS:

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, CHAIRMAN;

Lightly Simpson, Esq., Vice-Chairman; W. H. Martin, Esq., C. B.; S. R. Henry Barclay, K. C. B.; Robert Morley, Esq.; Lord Colin Campbell, M. P.; Edward Leigh Pemberton, Esq., M. P.; The Hon. Reginald Capel, Spencer Gwyn, Esq.; Richard Basil Huch, Esq.; W. J. Thompson, Janr., Esq.; Vincent Bewan Tritton, Esq.

Property of every description insured at current rates. JOHN MACEACHERN, Agent for P. E. Island. Charlottetown, Oct. 14, 1882.—2aw

P. E. Island Railway.

Thanksgiving Day Excursion.

EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS will be issued at one first-class fare, to and from all Stations on the Railway, on Thanksgiving Day, the 9th instant, good to return up to and including the 14th instant. L. B. ARCHIBALD, Supt. Railway Office, Charlottetown, Nov. 4, '82. 4f

ANNIVERSARY.

The Annual Missionary Meeting

Of the Methodist Church of Canada, Charlottetown, will be held in the Prince Street Brick Church, Tuesday Evening, 7th instant.

Chair to be taken at 7.30 o'clock. The deputation to this meeting is the Rev. George Young, D. D., Superintendent of Methodist Missions in the North West.

MISSIONARY SERMONS

Will be preached on Sunday, 5th instant, in the Brick Church, at 10.30 a. m., and 6.30 p. m., by the Rev. Dr. Young. Second Church, 10.30 a. m., by the Rev. Prof. Burwash, A. M., at 6.30 p. m., by the Rev. S. T. Teed. A Collection will be taken up in the course of each service in behalf of the Methodist Missionary Society. F. W. MOORE, Secy. Charlottetown, Nov. 3, 1882.

A PUBLIC TEA

Band Promenade Concert (CALBRAITH'S BAND) In the Market Hall, THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 9th, In aid of the funds of the B. C. Church, Charlottetown. Tickets for Concert, 10 cents; Tickets, including Tea, 25 cents. Doors open at 4 o'clock; Tea to commence at 5 o'clock and continue during the evening. Refreshment Tables, etc. Tickets for sale at Knight & Son's and at the door. Nov. 1, 1882.

SYDNEY COAL.

NOW LANDING, ex barque "DEVONPORT," at Peake's Wharf, No. 2, 440 Tons International Mine Sydney Coal will be sold low for cash or bill of lading. CHAS. LYONS, Charlottetown, Oct. 30, '82. 4f

QUICK DESPATCH

LITTLE GLACE BAY. AFTER this week, vessels loading coal at Little Glace Bay, C. B., will receive quick despatch, as the St. Lawrence trade will be over. Price of coal \$1.50, cash, per ton of 2,240 lbs. Apply at Little Glace Bay to C. H. Ribby, or at Halifax to JAMES A. MOREN, President Glace Bay Mining Co. Halifax, Oct. 30, 1882.—pat 1w

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

STRAYED—From the Subscriber's premises, Rosemeath, on the 27th October, a Chestnut mare, 3½ years old, with a small rupture on her body. The finder will oblige by leaving information of her whereabouts with Thomas Enright, Rosemeath. [no 6 21 w 2]

WANTED—A Nurse. Apply to Mrs. Maxwell, Rankin House. [no 6 4f]

100 SHEEP FOR SALE.—D-liverable at the Railway Station, Head of St. Peter's Bay, on any day that may be agreed upon.—A. Lewis, Head of St. Peter's Bay. [no 6 40f pd]

FOR SALE—A Second-hand Pianoforte, in good order. Apply to A. McNeill, Auctioneer. [no 6]

FOR SALE—A Horse—has trotted inside of three minutes. Address "A. B. C.," P. O. Glass Box 21, or EXAMINER OFFICE.—[no 6]

LOST—On the cross streets, between Hillsborough Square and Spring Park, a Ladies Gold Bracelet. The finder by leaving it at Mr. W. W. Wellner's Jewelry Store, will be rewarded. [no 4]

WANTED TO CHARTER—A Vessel about three hundred tons, to take a cargo of oats to Europe. Apply to J. W. Dow, Kingston, Kent County, N. B. [no 3 3f pd]

WANTED—A Girl for general household work. Must be well recommended. Will find employment by a plying to Mrs. R. K. Bruce, Upper Great George St. [no 6]

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET—A parlor and two bedrooms, with use of a kitchen. Inquire at EXAMINER OFFICE. [no 3 1w pd]

WANTED—A Smart Compositor. Good wages and constant employment to the right man. Apply at THE EXAMINER OFFICE. [no 6]

TO LET—A house at the Head Hillsborough Street. Rent very cheap. Apply to C. H. Schurman, Great George St. [no 6 4f]