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DECEMBER 14, 1877.

Clear the Sidewalks.

THE timely letter of "A Pedestrian" will, we trust, receive "prompt attention" from the Civic authorities. If anything is to be done in the matter this winter—and nobody will deny that something should be done—let it be quickly—before the snow gets packed or hardened into ice and the difficulty of removing it is increased tenfold. Two courses are open to the City Council. Either let every man be compelled to have the snow removed from the front of his premises—including gardens and other vacant plots—or let the City have the work done and levy a small tax on each person to reimburse the City Treasury for the outlay. The gentlemen now at the head of Civic affairs have made so many improvements in the economy of the city, that we feel sure they will have no hesitation in promptly adopting the suggestion thrown out by our correspondent. Let it be remembered that every such improvement is a saving to the whole community in the important items of time, comfort, and "the looks of the thing"—and we feel sure that no citizen will object to the passage and enforcement of the Ordinance required.

The First Commoner.

THE course which will probably be adopted by the Government with reference to Mr. Anglin, is a subject of much speculation in Ottawa and Quebec. The Montreal Star in its issue of Saturday, says:—

"The first Commoner is precluded by the rules of the House from saying anything in his own defence, even when he has a good case, which Mr. Anglin never had. To place Mr. Anglin once more in the Speaker's chair, where he would present a vulnerable mark for the shafts of the Opposition, without the power of returning a blow, would be as cruel as it would be impolitic. We are for this reason inclined to believe the statement which comes from Ottawa that he will not be re-elected Speaker of the House of Commons, but that he may, on a vacancy occurring, be called upon to accept a portfolio in the administration. On the floor of the House, either as the member for Gloucester or as a Minister of the Crown, Mr. Anglin may at least have the melancholy satisfaction of retorting upon his tormentors, whose hands are not all clean. Mr. Tilley's term of office will soon expire; and if, following the precedents in the case of the appointments to the lieutenant-governorships of Quebec, the North-West Territories, and Manitoba, a member of the Government is selected to succeed Mr. Tilley as Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick, a place on the Treasury benches will be found for Mr. Anglin."

Business Panics.

Mr. Robert Giffen, a London financier of some eminence, and one of the leading contributors to the *Economist*, has written an article on the theory that panics in the business world occur at regular periods about ten years apart. He regards these variations in the state of credit as occurring with sufficient uniformity to be regarded as a law, and he speaks of it as "cyclical." Mr. Giffen cites other authorities on political economy as favoring this view. The explanation offered for these recurring crises starts with the assumption that at tolerably regular intervals there are periods when food is unusually cheap; a stimulus is thereby given successfully to manufactures, trades, commerce, credit and speculation; at last, when business is overdone, the fabric of credit suddenly collapses, a crisis sets in, hard times follow, and afterwards the cycle starts anew. The theory is attractive and plausible, but not very firmly based on facts. Perhaps, however, some future investigator will connect business panics with the sun-spot period, as that is supposed to govern the rainfall, the harvests, and the famines. It seems a somewhat curious coincidence that there has been occasionally a space of eleven instead of ten years between panics, as eleven years is the sun-spot period.

Oatmeal for Scotland.

EXPORTING oatmeal from Canada to Scotland would, on the face of it, seem to be about as wise as "sending coals to Newcastle." Still, the experiment has been tried, and successfully, and the trade seems likely to grow into large and profitable proportions. We have this on the authority of the *Monetary Times*, which says: "Oatmeal is another of our alimentary products which has gone across the Atlantic this season in unusual quantity. The shipments have been larger this year than for a number of years past. The quality is good, and it would seem that an opening has been made for a permanent trade of very considerable proportions in this staple article for the Scottish market."

GEORGIAN BAY BRANCH.—The Ottawa Herald (Ministerial) learns that it is the intention of the Government to call for tenders for the building of the Georgian Bay Branch of the Canada Pacific Railway.

Anthracite Coal in New Brunswick.

OUR readers are aware that a valuable deposit of anthracite coal was, a few years ago, discovered in the sister Province of New Brunswick; and the advertisement which appears in this day's issue of the *EXAMINER* shows that practical steps are being taken towards its development and utilization. The deposit was discovered at Mace's Basin, Charlotte County, in 1872. While in Boston in 1875 Mr. Hugh R. Robertson, Mining Engineer, had his attention drawn to the deposit by being shown a specimen. Struck by the quality of the coal, he came to New Brunswick in 1876, and had a shaft sunk to the depth of 130 feet. At that depth a seam of anthracite coal, twenty feet six inches in breadth, was disclosed. The coal was subsequently tested and pronounced "good" by Dr. B. J. Harrington, Chemist and Mineralogist to the Geological Survey of Canada; by Mr. John C. Karsten, General Superintendent of the Gilbing Silver Mining Company; by Andrew Taylor, Chief Engineer of the I. S. S. Co. Steamer *New York*, and others. Convinced that the deposit was one of the greatest values, Mr. H. R. Robertson set about the formation of a Company to develop it—and succeeded. A Company was formed under the name of the "New Brunswick Anthracite Coal Mining Company." The following gentlemen comprise the Board of Directors:—

J. S. Boris De Veber, Esq., Chairman.
Henry Vaughan,
Dr. W. S. Harding,
Chas. N. Skinner, Q. C.,
Geo. S. Robertson,
Robert Robertson, jun., Sec.-Treas.

Three hundred acres, covering the deposit, from which it is calculated that at least 6,000,000 tons of anthracite coal will be taken, have been obtained by the Company; and, in order to obtain a working capital, 20,000 shares in the Company's stock were left open for subscription on the following terms:—"Twenty-five per cent. of any subscription to be first called, and to be paid at an early date after such subscription has been made. When the working shaft has been sunk to the depth of two hundred feet, or thereabouts, a drift will be made into the seam of coal which has been prospected, at this period, and when operations have been advanced to the stage of raising coal, then any subscriber will have the option of paying fifty per cent. more—or in all seventy-five per cent.—which will be accepted in full for paid up stock of the amount of any such subscription, or may forfeit his stock without incurring or remaining under any further liability."

The Company is, we believe, almost entirely made up of gentlemen belonging to the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Robertson, himself, is a Nova Scotian—a native of Pictou—a fact which, the Rev. G. M. Grant would assure us, is a sufficient guarantee to the success of the enterprise in which he is engaged. Messrs. Carvell Brothers, are the agent of the Company in this Province.

Although mining does not come directly within the scope of our industries; yet the development of the invaluable mineral resources of the sister Provinces is of great importance to us. If miners and manufacturer's be attracted to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, we will have assured to us a near, steady and good market for all surplus products of the farm and fisheries. We have little doubt, therefore, that the present enterprise of the New Brunswick Coal Mining Company, will receive encouragement from our capitalists.

A Mexican Monstrosity.

A BOY WITH A TRANSPARENT HEAD, EYEBROWS UNDER HIS EYES, AND OTHER PECULIARITIES.

The *Mazatlan Occidental*, a Mexican paper, contains an account of an extraordinary phenomenon in human nature. The mother of this living curiosity is named Antonia Garcia, residing in Rosario, State of Sinaloa. Her husband is Lorenzo Rodriguez, a native of Chadereros, District of Concordia, in the same State. About nine years ago, Antonia gave birth to twins, boys, who still live. Two years afterwards she gave birth to three children, all of whom had reached a natural state. About a year ago she gave birth to another child, which promises to develop into a monstrosity. This boy child was born at Copala, and as soon as the phenomenon was known to exist the parents had good grounds to believe that it would be stolen, so they moved to Rosario. The child, according to the story of its progenitors, was born without other defect than having an indentation on its skull in the shape of a cross. But in a little while the head commenced to grow enormously, and at the end of one year was from twelve to fourteen inches in diameter. The indentation, in another sense, may be said to resemble a hand-grenade, in the form of a cross, commencing at the forehead and running back to the nape or nape of the neck. The other part of the cross extends from ear to ear. The indentations are from two to three inches in width and slightly covered with hair. In the night-time, by putting a light across the head, the brains and other material can be plainly seen, as if a lighthouse were shining upon them. The eye-lids of this creature, instead of being above the eye, are below and almost encircling it, growing upward. The forehead has almost disappeared on account of the deformity of the head. The whole body is extremely rickety, and the skin appears to stick to the dry bones. The monstrosity weighs a little over ten pounds, and is healthy, and promises to live many years, and is beloved by its parents. Dr. Rio has offered to make a scientific study of the phenomenon, and the results of his investigation will be given to the public.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.—Active preparations are being made for the meeting of Parliament. The House will probably be summoned for the dispatch of business in about six weeks. So says the *Ottawa Citizen*.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.—A private cablegram intimates that the appeal of St. Andrew's Church, of Montreal, to Privy Council vs. Judgement of Supreme Court has been dissatisfied, and the important question of the finality of the Supreme Court thus established.

The Practical Premier.

A Western organ boasts of "the benefits which accrue to the country" from having a Minister of Public Works who is "a thoroughly practical man." If the Government journals would be specific and give a list of the said benefits, the country could better appreciate the Premier's "practicalness." To inspire his apologists to furnish the data and amount of each benefit, we here give a short list of the sums which he has either recklessly locked up or absolutely squandered:—

1874—Steel Rails, freight, interest, &c.,	\$3,000,000
1875—Payments to Mr. Foster,	109,000
1875—Purchase of Kaminstiquia Town Plot,	51,000
1875—Purchase of the Neebing Hotel,	5,000
1875—Fort Frances Lock to 31st Dec., 1876,	200,000
1876—Bonus to "My Friend Moore" on Goderich Harbor Contract,	30,000
1875—Loss on B. C. Telegraph Contracts,	16,000
Total,	\$3,410,000

We believe the Premier claims credit for having saved several hundred dollars in his departmental telegraphing, cab hire, and so forth, but that admitted, the "benefits" will still remain over three millions short of his costly blunders. In the above account we have omitted what must be an enormous item in connection with the Premier's mismanagement of the works on the Pacific railway. He has had several distinct policies on that work, the magnificent water-stretches, then the all-rail route, the Georgian Bay branch, &c., and it is not unreasonable to suppose that the constant changes of policy have involved a large extra expenditure. We have also omitted a large item connected with what may be called his old-rails-loan policy. Mr. Ferris, for instance, obtained iron for the Central railway by threatening to go into Opposition; or, to put it differently, the country had to pay for Mr. Ferris' services to the Ministry. Putting this and that together, it is probably no exaggeration to reckon the total cost of the Premier's blunders at five million dollars. Now let some of the organs make out the *per contra* account and give us a list of the savings he has effected.—*Toronto Mail*.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of Correspondents.

PLOUGHING THROUGH SNOW.

To the Editor of the *Daily Examiner*:
DEAR SIR,—Although, during the past year or two, something has been done in the way of street improvements in our city, the comfort of our citizens being much promoted thereby, yet there is still room for much to be done; and, as I write, nothing appears to be more needed than a law compelling people to clear the snow from before their property—such clearance to be made before (say) nine o'clock in the morning. In other places, men or boys, who have little else to do in winter, make it a business to go around to the different houses, after a fall of snow, and offer to do the shovelling for a very moderate charge, and I have known boys to offer to do the work here for a few cents, but in many cases they are refused a job, more especially by those who can wait until others break a path for them. It must be a very impressive scene to strangers to watch two people staggering in deep snow approaching each other—each making frantic efforts to plant his foot where other feet have trod. At last they meet, and while one stands balanced on one leg, with the other extended to the "off" side, his opponent with difficulty squeezes past, taking great pains that the pathway shall not be widened in the operation—as every one, who has tried it, knows that to wander from the right path is discomfort in the extreme. Really, it is time something was done to remedy this grievance.

Yours truly,
A PEDESTRIAN.

To the Editor of the *Examiner*:
SIR,—I noticed lately in your Police Report the name of John Gahan, arraigned before the Stipendiary Magistrate for a breach of the License Law. Gahan's case, as you report, was put off till the following day. Nothing has been heard in your columns of it since. If Gahan was not guilty, as accused, of selling liquor by the glass—while paying for a pint license only—for Gahan's sake, say so. But if he was guilty, or libelled; if he was condemned and fined for a breach of the law, then put the sentence on record, and not leave the community to think that an assumed respectability and importance can ward off justice from John Gahan, while others without his pretensions fall victims.

Yours, etc.,
PECKSNIFE.

Dec. 14, 1877.
[We may inform our correspondent that Mr. Gahan did what we may call—semi-privately confess, and was fined \$16.22. The fine did not appear on our records, owing to the solitude of the confession.]

Special Notices.

SANTA CLAUS dropped in last night and left me everything required for the Holidays.—W. F. CARTER.

If you want Choice Fruit for Christmas, get a barrel or two of the celebrated Baldwin or Russet apples from A. McNeill, Auctioneer, No 11 Queen Street.—4ins.

MR. W. E. McDONALD, of this office, is at Souris East in the interests of THE EXAMINER.

If you want to have your Cakes look nice at the Bazaar, get them frosted and ornamented at W. F. CARTER'S.

I HAVE the largest variety of Confectionery, Cakes, &c., ever exhibited in Charlottetown.—W. F. CARTER.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SNOW-SHOE CLUB!

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the HILLSBOROUGH SNOW-SHOE CLUB will be held on
TUESDAY EVENING NEXT,
at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., at the CITIZENS' SKATING RINK.
All members are requested to be present.
By order,
H. H. LOCKHEAD, Sec'y.
P.S.—Any persons wishing to become members will please give their names in previous to meeting.
December 14, 1877.

Smoked Halibut, &c.

40 boxes **SMOKED HALIBUT.**
20 bundles **DRIED POLLOCK.**
For sale by
HASZARD BROS.
December 14, 1877.

THE WEEKLY EXAMINER.—Persons having relatives or friends abroad, and desiring to keep them informed concerning P. E. Island, cannot do so in a cheaper or better way than by subscribing to THE WEEKLY EXAMINER. Sent, postpaid, to any address in Great Britain, the United States, or the Dominion, on receipt of One Dollar.

OLD TYPE.—About 500 lbs. on sale at THE EXAMINER OFFICE.

NOTICE!

NEVER in the history of the "LONDON HOUSE" have we been selling DRY GOODS so LOW as at present, and we would invite those in Town and country, who have not participated in the EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS we are giving, to call at once.

We only ask a personal inspection to show that we are, in good faith, SELLING OFF at the LOW PRICES advertised.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Dec. 13th, 1877.—eod2w

LECTURE!

THE Second Lecture of the course in connection with the

Y. M. C. Association,

will be delivered on

MONDAY EVEN'G, DEC. 17th,

BY

REV. G. W. HODGSON.

SUBJECT:

"Our Country: Its Past and Future."

Doors open at 7:30. To commence at 8 o'clock.

ADMISSION, 10 CENTS.

JOHN McLEOD, Sec'y.

Dec. 13, 1877.

Prince of Wales College.

THE Christmas Examination of the Classes in the Prince of Wales College will take place at the College Building, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The parents of the pupils and others interested in the Institution are respectfully invited to attend. By order,
J. LONGWORTH, Hon. Sec. &c.
Charlottetown, Dec. 13, 1877.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS indebted to the estate of the late Hon. PATRICK WALKER are required to settle up their accounts within one month from this date.

The large and well-assorted Stock on hand will be cleared out at FIRST COST for cash only.
ANGUS J. McCORMACK, Manager.
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THE new Patent CLOTHES-HORSE, the most complete ever invented, selling cheap. Also WANTED—a first-class Carriage Maker. Apply to
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Dec. 5, 1877.

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If you want SLEIGHS or CARRIAGES made of best American Wood, in latest style, or your Horse Shod in FIRST-CLASS STYLE, call on the undersigned. All work warranted or no pay.
J. C. KEEFE,
North side Queen's Square,
Ch'town, Dec. 5, 1877.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Christmas Presents.

A LIMITED NUMBER of New and Curious
Toys and Fancy Goods,
at HASZARD'S Book Store, West Side Queen's Square.
Intending purchasers, in order to secure the choicest articles, should call at an early date.
Dec. 13.—th fr m

NOTICE TO CAPITALISTS.

A Permanent and Remunerative Investment.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK ANTHRACITE COAL MINING COMPANY (Limited) offer for sale a portion of their Capital Stock in this city. For which purpose Mr. H. R. ROBERTSON, the General Superintendent, has recently been in town, and has appointed Messrs. CARVELL BROS. the Company's agent in Charlottetown.

This Company has been organized for the purpose of mining Anthracite Coal, which has lately been discovered in enormous quantities at Lepreaux, Charlotte County, N. B. Prospectuses and full information can be obtained at the office of CARVELL BROS. December 13, 1877.

House to Let.

OF eight rooms, in good repair, lately occupied by Mr. A. McDougall. Immediate possession given. Apply to Mrs. A. McDougall, or the undersigned. None but a careful and good tenant need apply.
RICHARD WEEKS,
Charlottetown, Dec. 13, 1877.—tf

SOMETHING NEW!

50 Sets of Silver-plated Dasher Rails of the latest pattern, for sale by
P. H. TRAINOR,
opposite the "Rocklin House,"
Kent Street, Dec. 11th, 1877.

P. E. ISLAND Steam Navigation Co'y.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Share holders of the above Company will be held at their Office, cor. Great George and Lower Water Street, on FRIDAY, the 20th inst., at 7 o'clock in the evening.
By Order of D. DAVIES, Pres't,
F. W. HALES,
Secretary S. N. Co.
Ch'town, 10th Dec. 1877.

WINTER EVENING SALES!

OPENING SATURDAY EVENING next, Dec. 15th, at 7 o'clock.
Goods and Small Wares of all kinds,
closed out without reserve.
A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.
No. 11 Queen-st., Dec. 13, 1877.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A MEETING of the Electors of the Third District of Queen's County will be held at

MOUNT STEWART,

—ON—

Wednesday, the 19th December,

inst., at 6 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of either corroborating the accusation of maladministration of the present Government, or justifying it for some of the Acts passed during the last session of the Legislature.
The Representatives of the District and other (especially the Hon. W. D. Stewart and W. W. Sullivan) are respectfully requested to attend.
Called by the request of a large number of electors.

FRANCIS McQUAID, J. P.,
W. J. LOGAN, J. P.,
JOHN ALLAN McDONALD, J. P.
Dec. 13th, 1877.

Christmas Carols!

USED IN

ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

FOR SALE AT

HARVIE'S BOOKSTORE,

Price 10 Cents.

TENDERS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, 29th Nov., 1877.
SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office until noon of the 20th day of December next, from persons willing to Contract to supply, for one year, the City Stables with Hay, Oats and Potatoes. The Council will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.
WM. B. MORRISON,
City Clerk.
Nov. 30—pat t 20th dec

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