

THE DAILY EXAMINER. NOVEMBER 27, 1889.

The Organ Out of Tune.

The Patriot finds fault with the Government because the audit of the books in the Land Office was not extensive and searching enough to discover the defalcations of a dishonest cashier who took pains either to make no entry upon the books, or else to make cross entries, etc., representing the amounts appropriated by him.

The "Patriot" and the Land Office

This article in the Patriot of last evening amounts to this: It is the duty of the Commissioner of Public Lands to act the part of a detective and watch his subordinates; the Commissioner assumed that his subordinates were honest men, and did not watch them as though he believed that they were thieves.

As everyone knows that the Commissioner of public Lands has important duties to perform apart from watching his subordinates, counting the cash, and signing receipts, it is not necessary to pursue any further a discussion which need never have been raised, and in which the Patriot has reached the *reluctio ad absurdum*.

The points to be remembered are, in brief:

- 1. That the Government holds simple security for repayment of the moneys which were taken.
2. That a commission has been appointed to investigate the matter and sift it to the bottom.
3. That the Patriot and its inspirers are in a desperate strait for the want of political capital.

Personal.

H. L. Macdonald, M. P. P., was registered at the Hotel Davies yesterday.

Wm. Campbell, Esq., Park Corner, was at the Davies yesterday.

Stewart Burns, M. L. C., Freetown, was among the guests at the Davies yesterday.

A Martin, M. L. C., Valleyfield, was at the Davies yesterday.

We record to-day the death of D. M. Harrington, Esq., for many years a resident of Charlottetown, and for the last fourteen years a resident of Golden Gate, Oakland, California.

The Rev. E. A. Harris has been unanimously elected Rector of Malone B. Y. N. S. Mr. W. Woodley, the proprietor of the Casino (N. S.) Gazette, arrived home on Wednesday evening last after a trip of nine months, which extended to Bermuda, Jamaica and portions of the United States.

News Notes.

The Sea of Azof is blocked with ice. The provisional government of Brazil has issued a decree establishing universal suffrage throughout the republic.

Advices from Belgrade say the authorities have discovered a plot to depose King Alexander and replace him by the Prince Karagorevich. Many Russian diplomats are implicated in the conspiracy. The conspirators were arrested.

The North German Gazette (Prince Bismarck's organ) says the situation in Brazil causes the powers no anxiety. The government at Rio de Janeiro appears to lack neither power nor will to maintain order, and there is no need, the Gazette says, of sending a German man-of-war to Brazil.

That the pen is mightier than the sword has become an article of firm belief in our time, and there are constantly occurring events that establish it more completely. One of these is the effect said to have been produced by Mr. Kuman's articles upon Serbia. It is asserted that the sensation which his revelations of the treatment accorded to Russian exiles created was not confined to that portion of the civilized world outside the Czar's dominions.

The Russian officials at the headquarters are said to have also been considerably enlightened themselves by the articles, and that it is the intent of the Government to abolish exile to Siberia altogether, both for political and criminal offences. If this report be true, it will be a remarkable testimony to the power of literary communication.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Sewerage Question.

SIR.—It is, I believe, an old truism that doctors differ, and we are strongly reminded of this fact in the present interesting controversy over the sewerage question. I confess at the outset that I am not much of an authority upon bacteria or other such disease germs, and feel rather reluctant to parade my ideas before the public, as I put just about as little value on what Artemas Ward has called the vox of the populi, as the vox of the populi very probably puts upon me; but I place a great deal of value on the healthful surroundings of the pleasant little city in which it happens to be my good fortune to reside, and I think that this question of sewerage is a very serious matter, and that the inhabitants of Charlottetown should be thoroughly alive to the danger of making a wrong decision in this matter.

A short time ago I was called upon to examine the sanitary condition of a leading institution in Charlottetown, when I was informed that there have been something wrong with the well water for about a month. For years up to that date the water had been pure and excellent. I tasted it, and found that the remarkable flavor of soap had mysteriously come up from a depth of thirty feet below the earth's surface. About once a week the water became so bad that it was impossible to use it. I then found that a blind well had been bored some distance away in a back kitchen, and that all defiled water was emptied into it. The blind well in that establishment was soon a matter of the past, and other arrangements were made to dispose of the drainage, but the water well took a considerable time to recover from its soap sickness.

This fact conclusively proves to me that all water wells in the vicinity of sewerage will be rendered highly dangerous to the public health, and in my humble opinion it is the duty of the authorities to put the bye law in force and close all the sewage wells in the city until (at any rate) the water wells remain totally unused by the poorer classes.

Some time ago very near to Charlottetown, an excavation for a well six feet in diameter was sunk thirty feet into the earth, and feeling curious about the appearance of the rock I went down to the bottom and found an open strata about two feet thick composed of small rounded stones from among which all the clay had been completely washed. The open strata apparently spread in every direction under the surface of the field. Such animals as rats or cats could have penetrated one hundred feet into the earth on either side of the well and return again. I took this to be the bed of an old underground stream whose waters had possibly sunk to some lower level and had left this dry space in the earth.

Now we know that there are underground streams flowing below Charlottetown, and about and above these streams there must be many large cavities and air spaces from the water's tendency to remove clay, and probably there are many dried stream bed affairs such as the one I have described.

Now, suppose that into such an open strata, thirty feet under the city of Charlottetown, a series of one or two thousand open blind well pipes from the cellar bottoms above were discharging all the filth of the city into this dry, open strata, full of ground air, the putrefying effect would be terrible, and the blind well pipes would act like so many upright ventilators to allow the poisonous gases to ascend into the warm houses above them. A city in such a state as this would be a horrible pest house, and I maintain to say that any sanitary engineer in North America would pronounce such a system to be the most deadly contrivance that could be imagined. Thirty feet, remember, is only the vertical distance from an ordinary cellar to an attic floor; and if the people are willing to live with a mass of filth thirty feet under their noses, by all means let them have blind sewer wells, but I think that any citizen should infinitely prefer to have a pipe under his bedroom with a small portion of atm spheric air between him and the pig than to allow such a system of sewerage to be tolerated in the city.

I maintain that in all portions of dry air strata underground, the sewerage matter will be merely deposited by blind wells and not removed as is loudly imagined by many of the theorists.

If the inhabitants wish to test the survival of the fittest theory and develop a peculiar race of sad and solitary citizens, this blind well, underground, midden system will be an excellent experiment.

Yours respectfully, W. C. HARRIS, Architect.

Mrs. Keefer at Murray Harbor North. On Thursday evening week we were privileged to hear this talented lady deliver her lecture on "Temple Destruction" in the church at this place.

She simplified her explanations by some excellent charts placed in direct view of the audience. These represented different results. One was the change which various organs of the body assume when subjected to narcotic influences.

She was listened to throughout the two and a half hours she spoke with the most marked attention, and, at the close, was fittingly applauded.

Miss Carey wishes to notify the public that she has taken rooms on Bee's Square, where she is prepared to do mantle and dressmaking at the shortest notice.

Clothing.—Some of our competitors are getting very angry because we sell overcoats and ready-made suits so cheap, but our advice to them is to keep cool. We are determined to sell cheaper than anyone, no matter even if some of our competitors get out of temper. Always buy overcoats, ready-made suits at the cheapest place, J. B. Macdonald's.

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Russia's Warlike Move.

TROOPS BEING PUSHED FORWARD TO THE FRONTIERS.

The terms of truce between Austria and Russia which Prince Bismarck forced upon Count Kalnoky, are already partly fulfilled on the Russian side. The Czar has stopped the Pan-Slavic committee from sending agents into Bulgaria and promptly warned them not to foster in the meantime within Bulgaria any agitation. The Austrian side brought about the rupture of the proposed marriage of Prince Ferdinand to the Princess D'Alencon. The Austrian finance minister refused to allow on the basis the quotation of the Lander bank's loan to Bulgaria. Count Kalnoky has instructed the Austrian counsel in Sofia to modify his patriotism in behalf of Prince Ferdinand.

Finally, Emperor Francis Joseph, though resenting the suggestion of the cessation of Trentino to Italy, has consented to grant to Trentino autonomous local administration, separate from the German Tyrol, of which it has hitherto formed a part. The members of the Italian Tyrol will henceforth assemble at Trent. The Diet at Innsbruck supported the separation. Emperor Francis Joseph has also ordered the release of several Irredentists imprisoned at Igouaburg, including Rossi and Zanpieri, editors of the Italian Independent, concessions amount, practically to little. If the Innsbruck Diet had not voted for the separation of Trentino, Emperor Francis Joseph would not have acceded to the proposal. A further reason for his giving his assent is that by doing so a stop was put to the manoeuvring of Signor Crispi, the Italian premier, for the annexation of Trentino to Italy. Signor Crispi has now abandoned his plan of visiting Prince Bismarck at Friedrichshagen. Although quotation of the Bulgarian loan has been stopped, Count Kalnoky permitted the Lander bank yesterday to advance 5,000,000 to the government at Sofia. His policy continues to be to secure a tighter grip upon the Bulgarian government, with or without Prince Ferdinand, who, with at the change in his personal situation, threatens to resign.

Russia, behind a peaceful diplomatic mask, does not cease her massing of troops upon her frontiers. Within three weeks, eight regiments of cavalry and six of infantry have been added to the troops stationed on the Galician and Bukovinian frontiers. The work of railway extension on the Vilna, Kovno, Warsaw and Kieff is being accelerated in order that the strategic system may be completed in May.

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Table with 3 columns: STATIONS, No. 1, No. 2. Rows include Charlottetown, Royalty Junction, North Wiltshire, Hunter River, Bradaire, Emerald Junction, Freetown, Kensington, Summerside, Miscouche, Wellington, Bradaire, Hunter River, North Wiltshire, Royalty Junction, Charlottetown.

TRAINS FROM THE WEST. STATIONS. No. 2. No. 4.

Table with 3 columns: STATIONS, No. 2, No. 4. Rows include Freetown, Miscouche, Summerside, Wellington, Bradaire, Hunter River, North Wiltshire, Royalty Junction, Charlottetown.

TRAINS FOR THE EAST. STATIONS. No. 3. No. 7.

Table with 3 columns: STATIONS, No. 3, No. 7. Rows include Charlottetown, Royalty Junction, Bedford, Mount Stewart Junc., Cardigan, Georgetown, Mount Stewart Junc., Morell, St. Peters, Bear River, Souris.

TRAINS FROM THE EAST. STATIONS. No. 6. No. 8.

Table with 3 columns: STATIONS, No. 6, No. 8. Rows include Georgetown, Cardigan, Mount Stewart Junc., Bedford, Royalty Junction, Charlottetown, Souris, Bear River, St. Peters, Mount Stewart Junc.

Trains are run by Eastern Standard Time. Railway Office, Charlottetown, Nov. 27th, 1889—61 all pas 6i

J. UNSWORTH, Superintendent.

Lyceum, Charlottetown. Last Trip of the Carroll. WILL BE. From Boston, - - - - Nov. 27, From Charlottetown, - - Dec. 5.

Boston Comedy Company, H. PRICE WEBBER, Manager. THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, NOVEMBER 27TH, EAST LYNNE, Or, The Elopement.

Change of Programme Nightly. Admission, 25 cents. Reserved Seats, 35 cents. Tickets for sale at usual places. Doors open at 7.15. Overture at 8. nov27

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY. NOTICE. COMMENCING ON MONDAY, December 2nd, and continuing until close of navigation at Summerside, a Special Passenger Train will leave Charlottetown at 5.45 a.m. daily (Sundays excepted) for Summerside, connecting there with Steamer for Point du Chene. Returning, will leave Summerside on arrival of steamer from Point du Chene.

J. UNSWORTH, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Nov. 27, 1889. nov27-61 pat 6i wky pas 1i

New Firm. WE have rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. J. Seaman, Prince Street, and will continue the same business under the firm name of HARRIS & BLAKE. We have purchased the good will of his business, and having had several years' experience, are now prepared to carry on Carriage Building in all its branches, and feel confident of keeping up the reputation of the old factory.

EDWARD HARRIS, GEORGE BLAKE. Referring to the above, I desire to thank the public for the liberal patronage which I received while in business, and solicit for the new firm a continuance of the same. J. J. SEAMAN. nov25-dy 1w wky 1m

DIVIDEND NOTICE. MERCHANTS' BANK OF P. E. ISLAND, CHARLOTTETOWN, Nov. 18, 1889. NOTICE is hereby given that a half-yearly dividend, at the rate of Eight Per Cent. per annum, on the Capital Stock of this Bank, has been this day declared, payable at its Banking Office on and after December 2nd, prox. By order of the Board. WM. MOLBAN, Cashier. nov18-dy 30d

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