

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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BE READY!

It is whispered that our Liberals in office here have a grand coup in contemplation. For several weeks past, parties of men have been working upon the roads—particularly in the Fort Augustus district—digging into the frozen ground and throwing up lumps of earth at the public expense. We need not say that the people's money, so expended at this season of the year, is practically thrown away. There must be a motive behind this useless movement. Experience has proved that it presages an election.

There is a very strong suspicion that the prospective election is not merely one to fill the long vacant seat of Fort Augustus, but a general election for the whole Province. The gentlemen of the Government know, now, that as at present organized they do not possess the confidence of the people. Mr. Arthur Peters has said that the Premier is, personally, "very unpopular," and this theory has been accepted by Mr. Farquharson's colleagues in the government as the cause of the recent disasters to the Liberal Party in this Province. It is therefore argued that if Premier Farquharson should retire and a good catch cry be raised, the Liberal party has still a fighting chance, with the aid of Dominion Government influence and local jobbery and corruption, to win another general election.

This, then, is the scheme alleged to have been developed: Mr. Farquharson is to retire from the leadership; the party is to reorganize and go to the country with a cry of "bridge or no bridge, railway or no railway,"—all electors who may take ground against the government to be denounced as against the Belfast and Murray Harbor Railway and against the Hillsborough bridge!

This, surely, is as pretty a scheme as was ever conceived by unscrupulous men in a tight place. That Mr. Farquharson will readily retire from the Premiership may be taken for granted. There is no money in it for him, he is in a peck of trouble, and he knows that he will be voted out by the Legislature in the course of two or three months. But the "cry" is utterly ridiculous. Everyone knows that the government's opponents are much more sincerely in favor of the railway and the bridge than the members of the Government and their leading supporters. Everyone knows that the railway and the bridge are Dominion—not Provincial—works. Everyone knows that a bill authorizing the construction of these works was passed by the Parliament of Canada, and that enough money to begin them has already been voted. Everyone knows that Superintendent Sharp has actually purchased rights of way along part of the line, as surveyed, that tenders for the construction of that part of the work have been received and are now under consideration, that the Parliament of Canada have, on account of the proposed bridge, taken power to reduce the subsidy payable to this province by \$12,000 a year for all time to come. Everyone knows that, in point of fact, the question of the construction of the railway and the bridge is settled. How, then, can the gentlemen of the Government hope to win an election on a cry of "railway or no railway; bridge or no bridge?" Sir Louis Davies may possibly carry out his threat to "hinder" the work,—he cannot, in any case, stop it.

We incline to the opinion that this pretty scheme will be dropped. But, at the same, those who are disappointed and disgusted at the failure of the Government to avoid taxation and make ends meet as they promised in 1893, and to obtain a large sum of money by arbitration as they promised in 1897, and all who fear the results of an increasing debt, now close upon \$600,000, will do well to be ready for eventualities. There is something in the wind. It may not come to anything, for the Government is very weak; and then, again it may!

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NORTH WEST LAND SALES.

The past year's land sales of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have been far in excess of those of any other year. The commissioner estimates that the sales will aggregate 410,000 acres, for which the company will have received \$1,350,000. In 1898 the sales amounted to 348,000, for which \$1,121,000 was received, and in 1897, \$665,000 was paid for about 208,000 acres. The increase, all round, is due, it is said, to the opening of the new branch lines of railway in Manitoba and the Territories.

Mr. John Charlton says that if he had the power he would abolish the word "servant," as applied to domestic help, and have the proper appellation of "housekeeper," substituted instead. Why the care of a house should be spoken of as if it were a menial occupation Mr. Charlton does not understand. The term has evidently been handed down. But it is certainly no more applicable to one kind of employment than to another, for everybody is somebody else's servant. Were the term domestic help or housekeeper used in relation to housework the aversion to "service," as it is called, would disappear, and girls who have to support themselves, which is quite an honorable thing to do, would live in pleasant homes instead of being subjected to the wear and tear of the factory.

The payment of about \$200,000 for a winter steamer that is afraid to cut ice is the latest stroke our "business is business Government."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Oh! What a winter's time! —The Princess crossed on Tuesday; and the Minto skiddled to Georgetown on Thursday!

—So the much belauded Minto can keep navigation open but one day longer than the little Princess!

—There seems to be some feeling in the States in favor of the Boers; but statesmanship, not sentiment, will determine American policy in favor of Great Britain.

—Captain Finlayson's opinion of the Minto as an ice steamer is now apparent. Actions speak louder than words. Clear water is wanted for the Minto as well as for the Princess.

—Again we have to congratulate the president, directors and manager of the Merchants' Bank of P. E. Island upon the handsome profit of the past year resulting from their labors.

—Though they have lost the confidence of the people, and are aware of the fact, Mr. Farquharson and Mr. McKinnon the Attorney General have gone to Halifax on public business at the public expense. We submit that this is not popular government. Messrs. Farquharson and McKinnon have no right to do business for Prince Edward Island. They ought to be out of office, now.

—Judge Biggle not only knows a great deal about horses, but what is more important he knows how to impart his information in a way that will be understood. One does not have to wade through a great mass of undigested, unimportant matter. The Biggle Books are models of clearness and conciseness. They are advertised in another column. The price is 50 cents, free by mail; address the publishers, Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philadelphia.

—Paying nearly \$200,000 for an ice-breaker, bringing her here and repairing her for about three months; and then taking her away from Charlottetown when there is not enough ice to carry a man; and sending her to Georgetown where there is no ice at all; necessitating loading and unloading there, with transport over thirty-five miles of railway, and loading and unloading here, involving expenditure of money and loss of time,—this is business!

At the present moment the actual war strength of the Empire is greater than most people imagine. It is approximately as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Army at home and abroad (238,172), Reserves (78,798), Militia reserves (29,000), Militia (99,600), Yeomanry (8,800), Volunteers (230,000), Imperial native army of India (150,000), European volunteers in India and elsewhere (30,000), Imperial service troops (20,000), Canadian militia reserves (200,000), Cape Colony volunteers, mounted rifles, &c. (7,400), New South Wales forces (10,000), Victorian forces (7,000), South Australian forces (3,000), Force of other Australian Colonies (3,000), New Zealand forces (7,000), Other colonies, &c. (12,000).

Actual war strength of the Empire 1,168,170

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Mgr. Bruchesi, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal, in a sermon delivered in St. James' Cathedral last Sunday pronounced himself strongly in favor of the success of British arms in South Africa. "The flag which protects us," said Mgr. Bruchesi, "and which gives us, our liberty is at war with a bitter enemy. Let us hope that the war will soon end with the triumph of our great country and of the principles of justice as propounded by the church."

Lieut. Colonel Moore has received a telegram which states that the artillery quota for the second contingent from the province of Nova Scotia has been made up, and that it is therefore impossible for volunteers from this province to obtain positions upon it.

Le Soliel, the Government organ in Quebec, says there will be no Federal general election until the end of the full term of this Parliament, which comes in August, 1901. But it is not safe to count upon the truth of this statement. Better be ready!

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GENERAL MERCIER.

Paris, January 4.—There are persistent reports in nationalist circles that the government had decided upon the arrest and the prosecution of General Mercier before a second high court immediately. According to these reports an important debate respecting the conspiracy cases and the charges against General Mercier will take place in the chamber of deputies as soon as the session begins, and it is said that the premier, M. Waldeck Rousseau, will reply to his adversaries by announcing the arrest of General Mercier and his judgment before the high court.

A Cheerful Experience.

"I had a cheerful experience the other day," remarked a man who had spent several days at one of the springs for rheumatism.

"What was it?" asked the observer. "I was carried into a depot near the springs and deposited on a seat near an old woman, who looked at me with a complacent smile and inquired, 'Been hurt?'"

"No," I replied. "Rumatis?"

"Yes."

"Water do you any good?"

"Not much."

A Burning Prayer.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer tells this story of the Virginia backwoods: A white minister after conducting services at a colored church asked an old deacon to lead in prayer. The dusky brother in his fervent appeal asked that a shower of heavenly grace be permitted to fall upon his white friend. He said:

"O Lor', give him de eye of de eagle dat he may spy out our sins afar off! Weld his han's to de gospel plow; tie his tongue to de lines of truf and nail his ear to de gospel pole! An, O Lor, bow his haid way down—an behin' his knees, an his knees way down—ah in some lonesome dark an narrow valley, O Lor', whar much prayer is needed to be made—ah! Den 'noint him ovah wid de blessed ile of de kerosene of salvation, an sot him on fish wid de match of faith made perfect—amen!"

France Outside of Paris.

To get a correct idea of the French nation one must abandon Paris and get out among the people of the provinces. Paris is a sinkhole of rottenness, but the people who dwell outside that modern Gomorrah are sound and upright and patriotic, living wholesome and useful lives. When you get out in the rural districts, a charming sight is presented of beautifully cultivated farms, each farm being as trim and neat as a flower garden. There is not a foot of waste land to be seen. The first thing that strikes a stranger is the profusion of fruit. Nowhere can be seen more luscious pears, peaches and grapes.—Washington Post.

How He Got Elsewhere.

"How did he escape?" inquired the detective.

"Well," replied the turnkey with the damaged eye, "he sort o' nicknamed himself out."

"What?"

"He pried his cell door open with a jimmy. Then he knocked me down with a billy."

"Yes?"

"And then he sallied out."—Chicago Tribune.

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Jan 5—dtf

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