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Comments on Canada.

The interest that our friends on the south of the line now feel in Canada is really wonderful. It contrasts in the most pleasing way with the apathy of the one-sided free trade days—the days before we had a National Policy of our own, and when yet the Northwest Territories were a "Great Lone Land".

"But if one would forecast the future of Canada, he needs to take a wider view than personal preferences or the agitations of local parties. The railway development, the Canadian Pacific alone, has changed within five years the prospects of the political situation. It has brought together the widely separated provinces, and has given a new impulse to the sentiment of nationality."

Mr. Warner has taken in the situation.

Philharmonic Society.

We note with pleasure that a highly satisfactory meeting was held last evening, in connection with the Charlottetown Philharmonic Society. A considerable number of influential citizens was present, and the Society's officers were constitutionally elected.

The Patriot's "back down" on the subject of our judiciary was the subject of some talk yesterday. "L. H. D. is out of town," was the conclusion reached by the more knowing ones.

The Daily News of Denver, Colorado, rejoices in the idea—the fond and foolish idea—that "Canadian" annexation is seriously considered beyond the border. It says: "Apart altogether from American influences, the telegraph informs us that the annexation question has excited considerable discussion in Canada during the past twelve months, especially in the western portion of the province of Ontario."

English Church History. Sir,—I have just seen a letter in your issue of yesterday, referring to my lecture upon English Church History, at Cherry Valley.

Something Wrong.

GREAT BRITAIN has free institutions and "free trade." Everyone there is at perfect liberty to sell in the dearest market and buy in the cheapest. That is its National Policy. Yet there is, there must be, in Great Britain something radically wrong.

"In the privacy of home, children under fourteen labor all day long without fear of hope from legislative prohibitions. Married women with large young families wield heavy hammers for twelve or fourteen hours a day. The infants are left to themselves, or cradled on the bellows or a rafter of the ceiling. For a pittance of four or five shillings a week mothers abandon their duties and instincts of affection, and do the work of slaves on a Cuban plantation. Their husbands, though they cannot work harder, and often work much less, are otherwise as wretched. Except drink, they have no variety in their lives."

Wages have been diminished continually; and they do not attempt to fight against the fall. They only multiply the faster and toil the more without ceasing. They are born to be natters, to blow huge bellows, and operate ten to thirty pound weight olvers from morning to night, to breathe the fetid air, to account butcher's meat once a week a luxury, and to be deafened with a perpetual babel of rasping sounds. That is their fate and they accept it.

Let us now contemplate for a moment the condition of the labor market of London. The Earl of Meath, in his latest pamphlet, asserts that a devoted lady, being desirous of ascertaining the true conditions under which her working-class sisters labored, disguised herself and obtained employment in a match factory. At the end of the week she was told that she had worked fairly well as a beginner, and was handed the magnificent sum of 2s 3d. In order that the people may appreciate the impossibility of a girl living honestly upon these wages, the Earl of Meath says that the following rents are charged for lodgings in the neighborhood in which this lady was working:

- 5s to 6s for two rooms.
2s to 3s for one room.
1s 2d to 2s for half a bed.

If, as the noble Earl remarks, "this lady had been entirely dependent on her earnings, as many girls are, she could only have afforded half a bed, and that of the cheapest and lowest character, and she would have had exactly thirteen pence left on which to feed and clothe herself for a week, or less than two pence a day!" Think of a woman making a shirt of a low class for two pence and finding her own cotton, or a shirt of a better class for five pence.

It may be said that this condition of the poor and weak in Great Britain is due to density of population. But is not the principle of "buying in the cheapest market" being pushed too far—are not the well-to-do classes of the Mother Country grinding the faces of the poor?

Referring to the published opinions of Messrs. Davies and McIntyre that very few cattle are sent from Prince Edward Island into the markets of the Maritime Provinces we are creditably informed that Mr. Leaman, of Nova Scotia, alone, sent into the Halifax market last year four hundred head of cattle fed by our farmers. When we know that one dealer sends so many P. E. Island cattle to one town, and that not by any means the town which consumes the largest number of beefs fed here, we may form some idea of the depth of the ignorance of Messrs. Davies and McIntyre respecting our cattle export. It is quite evident that we need at Ottawa representatives who know something about the trade of the Province.

The London Times, in an editorial, discusses Sir Richard Cartwright's motion, and remarks that the motion is either insufficient or superfluous. The bonds which unite Canada and the Mother Country are bonds of affection, not of compulsion. If Sir Richard desires separation, why raise the question by a side wind which could yield Canada no advantage, even if it succeeded? England has every desire to consult the wishes of Canada, and though Canada has her destinies in her own hands, England cannot believe that Canadians desire to sever the connection. The Times therefore urges its Canadian brethren not lightly to raise questions which would tend to carry them a great deal further than they are prepared to go.

English Church History.

Sir,—I have just seen a letter in your issue of yesterday, referring to my lecture upon English Church History, at Cherry Valley. I cannot undertake to answer correspondents who refuse to sign their names; but, as the writer of the letter is evidently seeking more illumination than is afforded him by the three illustrations which gleam at the conclusion, I write to say that I shall be most happy to aid him in his search if he will call upon me at any time.

Tea and coffee are well called "luxuries of the grocer kind."—Hayter's Escoter.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT. ISLAND MATTERS.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.

The Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Provincial Secretary of P. E. Island, has been in Ottawa for some days. During the time he has been here, he has been most actively employed in pressing many very important matters on the attention of the Government. Mr. Ferguson was delegated along with the Senators and members for the County, by the Charlottetown Board of Trade to urge the necessity of extending the P. E. Island Railway from the present terminus to Connolly's wharf, a distance of some 2,600 feet. On arrival here, Mr. Ferguson immediately took steps to obtain an interview with Sir John McDonald, acting Minister of Railways, and other members of the Government, and drew up an able minute, setting forth the advantages that would accrue, not only to the railway, but to the general public, by having this work undertaken.

While here, Mr. Ferguson succeeded in obtaining a favorable reply from the Government with respect to the granting of through bills of lading by the steamer Stanley, the P. E. I. Railway, and connecting lines, and has also received assurance that range lights for Charlottetown harbor will be established during the coming summer. Mr. Ferguson has also been very active in pressing on the Ministry the desirability and fairness of making provision in the estimates for a grant of \$3,000 towards the expense of holding a Dominion Exhibition in Charlottetown next September.

Another important matter has also been diligently worked up by the Provincial Secretary, viz., the necessity of subsidizing a steamer to ply between Baie Verte, Pugwash, Tatamagouche and Charlottetown; and he has submitted a memorial on the subject to the Governor-General. In fact, since Mr. Ferguson has been in Ottawa, more attention has been directed to a consideration of Island affairs than for a number of years past. Mr. Ferguson is a most indefatigable worker. He knows all the Ministers. He can find his way about the Parliament buildings as well as one of the oldest habitues, and, with his tongue and pen, he has not ceased to press on the attention of the Ministry the importance of the several projects here enumerated.

Mr. Ferguson, to-day, was examined before the Committee on Frauds, with respect to commercial fertilizers, and gave valuable evidence. He showed that a person named Kaye had sold patent rights for manufacturing commercial fertilizers in P. E. Island, the patent for which had previously expired. He said the process of manufacturing this fertilizer was exceedingly cumbersome and expensive, necessitating the handling of large quantities of articles containing only a small percentage of fertilizing ingredients. Many farmers had been induced to invest in this fraud—for it was no better than a fraud on farmers, who had received very little benefit. He also instanced cases in which manufacturers of commercial manure had placed a fairly good fertilizer in the market, selling under some name by which it became known, and which, for the first year, gave good returns. These manufacturers would then substitute an inferior quality the next year, taking care to forward samples of it to the public analyst, so as not to contravene the law, but selling it under the same or a similar name to the better article. Farmers having obtained satisfactory results from the fertilizer sold a year or so before, and not knowing that a lower percentage of valuable ingredients had been substituted, were in many cases induced to pay \$30 or \$40 per ton for articles that were not worth more than \$17 to \$20. This was most detrimental to the interests of agriculture, and discouraging to those who were thus induced to invest their money.

The committee considered Mr. Ferguson's evidence so valuable that he was given a unanimous vote of thanks. Social events in Ottawa are of nightly occurrence. Last night the Hon. C. H. Tupper and Mrs. Tupper's "At Home" was a great success, some 500 or 600 guests being present. To-night, Albani sings in the Opera House.

HALF A MILLION HERRING.—The St. John Sea says that upwards of half a million of herring were landed in St. Andrews Saturday last, a large proportion of which was bought by G. D. Grimmer, who also purchased four and a half tons of line fish at two and a half cents per pound.

MacEachern's Corner, QUEEN STREET.

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AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

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St. James' Choir.
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Mrs. Rooms.
Reading.....
Rev. J. Carruthers.
Cornet Solo—"Anchorage".....Watson
Mr. Fletcher.
Vocal Trio—"Ye Gentlemen of England".....
Miss Wilson and Messrs. Wilson and Beer.
Violin Solo—"La Maddalena" (by request).....
Mr. Vinnicombe.
Reading.....
Rev. J. Carruthers.
Vocal Solo.....
Miss Earle.
Inst. Duet—Overture "Poet and Pensant" (by request).....Suppe
Mrs. W. Brown and Mr. Earle.
Vocal Solo—"Mary of Argle".....Nelson
Mr. L. J. Williams.
Vocal Duet—"Lies' Dream is O'er, Farewell".....
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Ch'town, Feb. 25, 1889—1m 2aw pat

Telephone Company of P. E. Island.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Office of Palmer & McLeod, Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th of March, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the election of Directors and the transaction of general business.

BENJ. ROGERS, Secretary.

TENDERS

WILL be received at the office of the Connolly Estate, up to noon on THURSDAY, the 28th inst., for the immediate completion of Two Stores and Warehouses in the building formerly occupied by the late Owen Connolly, on Queen Street, in Charlottetown, according to plan and specification to be seen at the office of the estate.

The Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

A. A. MACDONALD, Trustees.

W. W. SULLIVAN, Trustees.

P. PETERS, Trustees.

Ch'town, Feb. 25, 1889—tl 28th

TENDERS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, February 21, 1889.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Department up to

Thursday, the 7th of March, 1889,

from any person or persons willing to contract for

Repairs to Prince Street Ferry Dock,

according to plan and specification to be seen at the Public Works Office, Charlottetown.

The names of two good and sufficient securities must accompany each Tender.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Tenders must be marked "Tenders for Prince Street Ferry Dock."

JNO. WM. MORRISON, Secretary of Public Works.

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When Linen Goods were at the very lowest price we made heavy purchases in Table Damasks, Napkins and Towels, and are now offering our large stock at special prices. Housekeepers will find this the opportunity of the year to purchase new supplies.

Before the recent heavy advance in Cottons we made large purchases at lowest prices; and having received some Twenty Cases and Bales per S. S. "Stanley," we are now offering these goods at wonderfully low prices.

Our new stock of EDGINGS, INSERTIONS, FLOUNCINGS, &c., is now open, and customers will find many lines of unusual value. FLANNEL EMBROIDERIES at very much under usual price to clear. TORCHON LACES and LACE EDGINGS of all kinds, very cheap.

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Charlottetown, February 22, 1889.