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### THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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#### NOT READY FOR BUSINESS.

The Legislature has been in session a week or more and has done practically nothing. The House meets and the Speaker reads prayers—and that is all. It is evident that the Government is not at all ready for work. The latter remark seems to be applicable to the "able men" at Ottawa. According to the despatches of today the Government permitted yesterday to be wasted by the House of Commons simply because of some lapse in respect to a Parliamentary rule. While the commerce of the country is suffering on account of the prevailing uncertainty concerning the tariff, Parliament can do nothing because the Government is not ready for business. By the way, what about Mr. Davies' promise that the tariff would be submitted one week after Parliament met?

#### THE LOGIC OF IT.

Mr. Henry Strong in his judgment re Hackett says:—

(a) The object of the law is "to relieve candidates from the consequences of corrupt acts, trivial or unimportant in character, of their agents."

(b) "I admit that the offence proved in the present case was of a trivial and unimportant character, and the appellant was acquitted of all the other charges of which the particulars contained a great number."

(c) "It is shown that he (Hackett) did announce at public meetings that he wanted the election to be carried on properly and warned his supporters against the commission of illegal acts."

(d) "The bottle of whiskey was in the baggy, but it was not shown the appellant (Hackett) was aware of the fact."

(e) "But it does not appear that he (Hackett) administered any caution."

(f) "The appeal is dismissed with costs."

#### "A SEVERE LESSON."

The Guardian says that the judgment of the courts in the Hackett case is "a severe lesson." Our contemporary says truly it is a severe lesson. Here is a man who himself did no corrupt act, and who at public meetings publicly warned all his agents and supporters against doing anything that was corrupt or in any way illegal—a man whose whole election expense, as we are informed, were less than \$200—deprived of his seat in Parliament and condemned to pay heavy costs, because one who has been adjudged to have been legally his agent gave an elector one or three mouthfuls of whiskey out of a bottle without his knowledge, and because it does not appear that he administered to the said agent any special caution against such "treating." The costs of this suit amount to many hundreds of dollars and five years' sessional indemnity will amount to thousands,—all lost on account of the thoughtless, trivial, secret act of an agent in an election contest. Truly, the lesson is a severe one. We believe that all fair-minded men will agree with The Examiner that it was, under all the circumstances, harsh and unjust. But law is law, and the judges of the law are supreme in such a case. It is true that Mr. Hackett has his appeal to the people, and that the people, if left to their own generous impulses, would quickly (if not unanimously) restore him to his seat in Parliament. But with the father of "Human Devices" at the head of the Government, and a heartless gang of partisan office seekers to carry on the fight against him, Mr. Hackett must needs insure a severe struggle. We are not without hope, however, that the sympathy which must be aroused in favor of an innocent man, condemned on account of the act of another, will be more than sufficient to render futile "all their knavish tricks." "Thrice is he armed who has his quarrel just." The judgment of the Supreme Court ought, at least, to have the effect of restraining those who are apt to use liquor in elections. We hope that barrels of whiskey will not again be sent to the Liberal agents in West Prince!

#### FISHING BOUNTIES NOT YET PAID.

Our "business Government" are not up to time in regard to the distribution of the fishing bounty money earned last year. In former years this money was in the hands of those entitled to it long before this season had arrived. Perhaps the Minister of Finance is so busy about his tariff that he has not time to attend to the claims of our fishermen.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Nothing doing in the House.

—What about that money? For particulars apply to Mr. John Ross.

—The Montreal Star's Famine Fund has reached the \$52,000 mark. Well done. The Star is entitled to all the honors in this regard.

—A correspondent at Ottawa states that the government allowed the debate on the address to drag along because it is not ready with promised legislation.

—The London Daily Mail prints a dispatch from Cape Town, saying it is reported there that Delagoa Bay, controlled by Portugal, has been leased to Great Britain for thirty years at an annual rental of half a million sterling, and that the Transvaal Government was not aware of the arrangement until completed. The Transvaal sought German control for this port.

—The Winnipeg Free Press makes a point and asks a pertinent question. It says: The plea that the new Franchise bill is urgent is the shallowest of pretences. There is nothing urgent about it. There need not be a general election until 1901, and in the meantime no great harm could possibly come to anyone under the present law. Are members of the government contemplating an appeal to the country in the event of the Pope's delegate deciding that Catholics are not bound in conscience to accept the Manitoba school settlement?

—A London correspondent of the Star reports that "the preparations against eventualities in the Transvaal are being steadily pushed forward. A press representative has learned from the War Office sources that a General to command the British forces has been selected, and has been asked to prepare a plan for the campaign against the Boers, including the number and description of the troops of different branches of the service, etc., which he judges will be necessary to bring military operations to a successful conclusion. This General, who is familiar with African fighting, has replied 1000 British regulars will be sufficient, as he counts on the 40,000 white and black, which are already there, while he does not consider the Boers, even if able to do so, will put 40,000 armed men in the field, and one-half of these, he believes, will be required to guard the towns, forts, etc."

#### ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Montreal Star: The lawyers will rejoice at the sight of another bulky Franchise Act. Fat bills in Parliament make fat fees in the courts.

Montreal Gazette: McGill's medical faculty is the latest department of the University to acknowledge its indebtedness to the liberality of Montreal's wealthy citizens. The convocation proceedings yesterday included the announcement that a gift of \$25,000 had been made by Mr. Walter Drake for the purpose of endowing the chair of physiology. This, with other recent improvements, which make McGill's one of the most complete departments of sanitary science on the continent, will help still further to establish the college in its reputation as the first of Canadian medical schools, and as amongst the very foremost on the continent.

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#### INTERESTING NEWS NOTES SELECTED FOR THE EXAMINER.

A syndicate of Boston sports have subscribed a purse of \$15,000 for a 20-round contest between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. Corbett's acceptance is said to be assured, but it is doubtful whether Fitzsimmons will agree to a limited contest, even if he reconsiders his determination to retire from the ring.

There is nothing like kicking a man when he is down. St. Paul designated the Cretans, on the authority, by the way, of one of their own poets, "liars" and "slow bellies." Now we have a leading organ of public opinion in Berlin deprecating the interference of Europe on behalf of "Cretan sheep stealers." It also calls the Greeks "thieves." The reputation of the Eastern Mediterranean is not improving.

It is estimated that the present amount of wheat in the hands of American farmers is but 124,000,000 bushels, the smallest farm supply of wheat in March in six years. From these figures the Orange Judd Farmer, which is regarded as an authority upon agricultural matters, looks for a marked advance in the price of wheat before the new crop is available.

#### How to Make Novel and Dainty Pincushions.

First procure from the druggist as many poppyheads as you wish cushions—the larger the better. Next get some baby ribbon in three colors—maize color, heliotrope and white are delightful in combination. Cut each of these into lengths which, when double, will extend half round the poppyhead, with a small piece over for a loop at the top. Pin the center of every loop down to the eye of the poppyhead, using each color in turn. Next take every strand separately to the opposite end, sticking in pins on either side of the ribbon at an equal distance all along. Having covered the poppyhead in this manner the whole way round, next proceed to insert pins between the rows of ribbons, sticking them in, however, to only half their length, so that the cushion has a very bristly appearance. It is much cheaper to buy the pins by the ounce rather than by the paper when a number is required.

#### LOCAL NOTICES.

Gloveology.—French made gloves are most decidedly the best. The People's Store started with the fixed intention of keeping in their glove department the very best gloves produced. Weeks & Co. succeeded not by trying to sell everybody but by fully meeting the requirements of those with perfect fitting gloves we did sell. We did it; now we are ready with a full line of Perrin's French gloves and other good makes to sell everybody. A few special kid glove leaders undressed black Suede kid gloves with white pearl buttons and white silk stitched backs 89c. worth \$1.20; colored do. with contrast buttons and silk backs 89c. worth \$1.20. A big snap—black and colored dressed kid gloves contrast buttons and points 89c. regular \$1.20; Perrin's 2 button black and all colors, Perrin's lacing do, white and lemon chamouis washing gloves. New lace curtains, elegant designs in white and ecru. All prices from lowest goods made and new curtains beautiful patterns in 3, 3½ and 4 yards long. We have about 12 different patterns to choose from in \$2 and \$3 lines which are grand value bought direct from manufacturers in Nottingham, and better value can't be obtained in the city.—Weeks & Co. for curtains and new goods at lowest cash prices.

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