

THE DAILY EXAMINER

APRIL 6, 1898.

A VAIN ATTEMPT.

That the Patriot is trying to cover up and excuse the Government's deceit in the matter of grants for public works in this Province is somewhat surprising.

THE OPPOSING NAVIES.

The imminent event of war between the United States and Spain renders everyone anxious to know about the present fighting capabilities of the two nations.

On the other hand, as a New York paper points out, the United States has in North Atlantic and Gulf waters the battleships Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts and Texas, and the armored cruisers Brooklyn and New York.

At the beginning of the fight, therefore, the naval forces of the two nations will not be so unequal as to ensure success to either side.

The Ottawa Journal refers to the Senate's action on the Yukon contract and says: "The government is in luck. Its contract was a dangerous one, and made in a mighty bad way."

We are now moving into the brick building formerly occupied by Miller Bros. here we have a nice show of goods.

MAKE A NOTE OF THIS.

LIBERAL leaders have an exceedingly fine sense of the value of spoils for their obedient followers; and the Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Shaw showed a nice appreciation of this notable fact when they promptly called a halt as the government party were quietly slipping by the appointment of an assistant clerk of Legislative Assembly.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Government seems determined to discourage users of tobacco. The sugar duties are also increased.

The style of war Spanish troops put up in Cuba is illustrated by the following from Harold Martin, the correspondent of Harper's Weekly:

Within the last few days there was an engagement between Spanish and Cubans, at a town not more than fourteen miles from Matanzas. The insurgents had to retreat, not having ammunition to return their enemies fire.

Active and prominent men often receive unmerited credit and unmerited reproach. The truth of this statement is exemplified in the attack of a correspondent of The Guardian upon the Rev. Father Burke, of Alberton.

Ottawa Journal: Looking back on the whole Mackenzie and Mann episode, the most picturesque thing about it was the six-column outburst of enthusiasm with which the Toronto Globe almost humbugged the people into accepting as a marvellous piece of statesmanship one of the most dangerous and most objectionably begun contracts ever attempted by a Canadian Government.

Summerside Journal: The electors of West Prince should not be deceived nor should anything induce them not to give their support to Mr. Hackett, who will be a splendid representative of that fine constituency.

Ladies wishing hats or bonnets trimmed for Easter are requested to leave their orders as soon as possible at F Perkins & Co, Sunnyside.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

The Opening Scenes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

TUESDAY, April 5.

After the Lieutenant Governor withdrew, Mr. A. B. McKenzie was elected Clerk and sworn in.

The House was proceeding to the election of a messenger when Hon. Mr. Gordon called attention to the fact that an Assistant Clerk had not been elected.

Hon. Mr. Warburton explained that as the Government had some economical designs in view, the appointment of an assistant clerk would be postponed for the present.

Mr. Shaw declared his opinion that the Government were keeping the position open for Mr. Bernard D. McLellan, who is now engaged as the candidate of the Dominion Government in West Prince.

He was proceeding to give his reasons for this belief when the Government party cried "order" and the speaker called attention to the fact that he was out of order.

Very well, said Mr. Shaw, if I am out of order I will very soon put myself in order by moving the adjournment of the House.

Mr. Shaw then referred to the extraordinary measures adopted by the last House to make a place for Mr. McLellan. They had obtained the resignation of Mr. Hughes and still retained Mr. Hughes to do the work.

The remaining officers of the House were then appointed as follows, viz: Duncan Gillis and Fred Bear, door keepers; Richard B. Elliott, Moody Pound and Harry Aitken, messengers.

The usual standing committees were then appointed the following being those in which the public are interested:

Matters pertaining to Agriculture: Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Shaw, Mr. D. A. McKinnon, Mr. Wise, Mr. McWilliams and Mr. J. A. McDonald.

Private Bills—Hon. Mr. McNutt, Hon. Mr. McLean, Mr. Forbes, Mr. J. E. McDonald, Mr. Lefurgy.

Hon. Mr. Warburton placed in Mr. Speaker's hands the resignation of Edward Hackett Esq., a member elect for the First District of Prince County.

Mr. Speaker read the report of Mr. Justice Hodgson in the case of Mr. M. McKinnon; but no action was taken thereon though Mr. McKinnon was in waiting.

WEDNESDAY, April 6.

There was no session this forenoon.

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Britain And Russia.

(Ottawa Journal)

Those in Britain who are eager to interfere with Russia in China seem to be somewhat oblivious to the effect such interference might have upon British interests elsewhere. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Britain is pushing on in the Afghan hills. Does she wish Russia to interfere on behalf of the hill tribes? Britain is pushing up the Nile. Does she wish Turkey to speak for the Soudan? Britain claims suzerainty over the Boers. Does she wish Germany to claim an interest in the Transvaal? Britain is absorbing Uganda. Does she wish France to put forth additional pretensions in Africa?

The game of claiming so particular an interest in China as to object to Russia securing ports and concessions there, many hundreds of miles from any British interest, is a game which Britain might find turned against herself in half a dozen different parts of the world.

It seems to be about as arduous a task for Salisbury to hold in British jingoes as for McKinley to keep down American ones.

Chancery Rolls Court.

WEDNESDAY, April 6.

Michael Egan vs. estate late Chas. Young—This case was heard before the Master of the Rolls, when judgment was reserved. The Master of the Rolls today stated that judgment would be delivered on Thursday. The counsel thereupon informed the Court that a settlement had been arranged.

Matthew William Murphy vs. Alice A. Murphy.—A bill filed by complainant for a reconveyance of certain property which the plaintiff alleges had been conveyed to defendant upon certain trust which have since been performed.

M. McLeod, Q. C., and D. C. McLeod for complainant, W. S. Stewart, Q. C., for defendant. The plaintiff having closed his case the Counsel informed the court that the case being a family matter a settlement was under consideration. The court adjourned for further consideration.

HAVANA, April 4.—There is great enthusiasm among the Spaniards, and thousands of them are enlisting in the battalions of volunteers. The sentiment of the majority is in favor of war. They are awaiting anxiously the conclusion of the diplomatic efforts, and seem to have confidence that Spain will triumph over the United States.

They add that Spain has always had a special providence in great conflicts, and they have confidence that providence will not abandon Spain in her "defence of justice and her rights."

In spite of this seeming brave showing, many depositors have already withdrawn their money from the Bank of Spain. But there is no panic, and business is going on as usual. It is said that a majority of business men have for a long time past had their funds deposited in their own houses and safes.

The treasury has advanced \$800,000 in gold to the Bank of Spain in order to provide for eventualities.

QUEBEC, April 4.—Mr. Harris' freight tariff on the Intercolonial, against which loud complaints were made by Quebec merchants and the board of trade, has been changed and a new one has gone into force even lower than that in force prior to Mr. Harris' appointment. The rate on freight by the car from Quebec to River du Loup, which was 21 cents per hundred pounds, is now 16 cents.

THE PRINCESS returned from Picton last night about eight o'clock. She left Charlottetown for Picton at five this morning.

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