

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 16, 1882.

A Financial Panacea.

HAVING been for a whole week established in the chair editorial of the Patriot, the new incumbent feels his duty to furnish the public with an undoubted proof of how he loves this Island of ours, which has, by the way, used him so badly in days gone by! He says he has seen ponderous notices in the Royal Gazette, containing a list of delinquents to the Land Office coupled with terrible threats if they do not pay. With a veracity for which he has long been distinguished, he declares that the Gazette contained "descriptions of every foot of land unpaid for," but he adds that notwithstanding these ponderous notices, terrible threats and interminable descriptions, the people are paying but little money for their lands, that in fact the Receipts at the Land Office will be less than half of last year. Then follows his conviction that this decrease does not result from any unwillingness on the part of the people to pay, but is mainly due to the hard times and the low prices. Having thus by a careful diagnosis satisfied himself as to the nature of the ills which afflict the Province, he addresses himself to the task of finding a remedy. When we had followed our political Esculapius thus far, we confess we felt our interest quickened in a very great degree. "Who knows," thought we, "but the ex-Governor while sojourning in the Dominions of Sitting Bull may have found the long lost stone of political philosophy, or discovered the true elixir of political life." And we were not mistaken. How to take the sting away from "hard times" and cause "low prices" to be no longer included in the list of ills which afflict communities, has at length been discovered. The great medicine man of the Patriot has spoken, and the mystery is solved. A "moderate Assessment" is the remedy. The poor farmer who after threshing his oats and finding that he has little more than enough to meet the wants of his family and to seed his land, returns to his house, gathers his wife and little ones around him, tells them of the struggle which lies before them, and the home is sad. Suddenly the sound of footsteps is heard approaching the house. Can it be that the minions of the Land Commissioner are coming with a precept to auction the old home? Not at all. It is only the tax-gatherer, that staunch friend of the poor man. The farmer is happy. The house of mourning is soon transformed into the house of mirth. What matter then that the oat crop has been short? Is not a "moderate assessment" on his land a full equivalent for light grain? What difference if prices are low. Is not the imposition of a snug direct tax quite as efficacious a remedy for diseased finances as blood letting when the vital fluid becomes impure? Here then we see at once the criminal stupidity of our Government in not providing a tax on the Land this very fall. If they had done so, joy would indeed take possession of every heart and hard times would come again no more.

The New York Herald says—Dr. Deems is charged with saying that stupid listeners outnumber stupid preachers in the ratio of a thousand to one. This is the most horrible indictment of the human intellect that ever was put into words. Carlyle's most savage sentences are affectionate prattle beside it. Whether the men, their doctrines, their uncertainty as to what is needed or defects of their training is the cause remains to be learned, but the effect is a mass of talk that, as a whole, is as uninteresting as the advertising columns of last year's newspapers. Perhaps the pews expect too much of the pulpit. A man who spends every week in visiting the sick and dying, counselling fools, discovering hypocrites and mourning over determined sinners should not be expected to deliver thrilling orations on Sundays. It should not be hard, however, for him to put in simple, straightforward language whatever he has to say, and then to say it earnestly and stop when he is done; but few preachers are satisfied to do this, so they fall haphazard upon subjects above their comprehension, make a dreadful time for themselves and a worse one for their hearers. Let the preachers take heed to what they say and refrain from padding sermons beyond the limit that the public endure; then the occupants of pews will not seem so stupid after all.

Election Cases.

The King's County Election Case has been adjourned, for further hearing, in Charlottetown, till Thursday the 4th Jan.; and Mr. Chief Justice Palmer with the Counsel engaged, and the Registrar of the Court, returned home last evening by the Express train. Evidence in the Queen's County election case is now being heard, before Mr. Justice Peters.

THE only place for the greatest Novelties in Xmas Cards, such as Plush Covered, Hand Painted, etc., is at Bromber Bros. Selling cheaper than ever. [16] 16

Another Egyptian Campaign.

AN ENGAGEMENT THAT COST THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 10,000 MEN—FIGHTING IN THE SOUDAN.

It was little thought in Europe that during the brief campaign which placed the English army in possession of the delta of the Nile, hostilities were being carried on in another part of Egypt, culminating in an engagement that cost the lives of more than 10,000 men, says the London Telegraph. Immediately after the defeat of the rebels in the Sennar the insurgents divided their strength, and retired to three different districts. The Madhi himself went with the main force to Di-bel Gedir in Tekela. A second corps was withdrawn to the province of Kordofan, while the third took up its temporary quarters on the shores of the White river, from Duem to Dietinat, on the west bank, and from Karats to Marabia on the east. On August 19th telegraphic intelligence was received at Khartoum that the rebels had been defeated at Bara, while tranquility was reported to prevail in Kordofan. The chief town, El Obeid, had been provisioned, and the Khartoum road was open. The opportunity was seized by a large number of families to emigrate. A caravan, consisting of 600 Dachelabs, reached Khartoum in safety. Subsequent tidings brought particulars of the route of the insurgents on the White river. On August 28th, at Duem, the regular troops defeated the forces under command of Ahmed Wad-el-Mekashef, leaving 3,500 dervishes slain on the field. The projected march of the insurgents on Khartoum was thus frustrated. A short time before this encounter the commercial town of Schatt, situated some twenty miles from Duem, had been razed to the ground by the Madhi's followers; and the

MALE POPULATION WAS MASSACRED, and the women and children driven away into captivity. After the victory of the Government troops, the Madhi advanced with the bulk of his forces on the chief town, El Obeid. The place was strongly entrenched and garrisoned by 6,000 men, disposing of twelve guns. On Sept. 6th the Madhi attacked the town and attempted to take it by storm, but was repulsed with heavy loss. The attack was renewed with the same result on the 11th, and finally on the 14th, with disastrous consequences for the army of the False Prophet. The engagement lasted the whole day. Again and again his followers were driven back, leaving the entrenchments full of their dead and wounded. At the close of the combat, which had much in common with the last assault on Plevna that preceded the fall of that stronghold, upwards of 10,000 CORPSES LAY SCATTERED ON THE FIELDS.

Two brothers of the Madhi and several of the insurgent chiefs were amongst the dead. The total losses of the rebels since the outbreak of the insurrection is estimated by competent authorities at 70,000 men, which exceeds the total number of Turkish troops engaged in the conquest of the Soudan a century ago. The victory on the regular troops at El Obeid is in a great measure to be attributed to the foresight of Abd-el-Kader Pasha, who obtained 10,000 Remington rifles and 5,000,000 cartridges from Cairo last June. Three months earlier, when El Obeid was not fortified, and only occupied by 300 men, the Madhi could easily have captured it, and with it the province of Kordofan. When this intelligence left the Soudan it was the Madhi's intention to abstain from further hostilities until after the religious festival of October 22nd.

Canadian News.

There is a good deal of excitement in this suburban village around Montreal in consequence of the odious practice prevailing of stealing bodies from the vaults of churches and cemeteries for supplying the numerous medical schools there.

A rumor was current in Ottawa on Thursday last that a bloody tragedy had been enacted on the 12th concession of Fitzroy. The particulars of the case are as follows:—A farmer named Teevans came to the city and reported that a neighbor of his named Kerr was suspected of having murdered his wife several days ago. He said nothing was known of the tragedy until after the obsequies was over, when a grandchild told a friend that Kerr had quarrelled with his wife, and when she offered resistance kicked her several times in the abdomen and then threw her down stairs where she expired almost instantaneously. After having committed the murderous act, he coolly sat down and partook of a hearty meal in full view of the lifeless body of the woman he pronounced to love, honor, and cherish. He then came to the city, where he met friends, who expressed regret at the sudden death of his wife. He replied that she was not dead, and subsequently drove home and participated in the wake. A warrant was issued for his arrest, and entrusted to a Mr. Young for execution, there being no regularly appointed constable for the county. Mr. Young being a neighbour did not wish to incur the ill-will of the Kerr family, and up to the present time no further action has been taken. Kerr is still at large, but it is understood the County Attorney will take steps to have the case investigated.

The following is a comparative statement of revenue and expenditure of Canada, for the first five months of the fiscal year of 1882 and a corresponding period of 1881: The figures are compiled from the Canada Gazette. The amount of revenue accrued from the Customs from July 1st to Nov. 30th was \$10,405,736 85, and for the same period of the preceding year \$9,912,546 90. This shows an increase thus far this year of \$1,393,189 95 over the same period last year. The revenue from the Excise from July 1st to Nov. 30th, 1882, was \$2,806,266 18, and for the same time last year of \$2,507,405 38, showing an increase this year of \$298,860 80. The revenue received from other goods from July 1st to November 30th, 1882, of the preceding year was \$2,372,830 19, and for the same period of the preceding year \$2,281,300 66, an increase thus far this year of \$91,529 53. The total revenue of the Dominion for the first five months of the present fiscal year from July 1st to November 30th amounted to \$15,584,833 22, and for the corresponding period of the preceding year \$13,801,342 84, showing an increase for five months of 1882-3 of 1,783,490 38. Expenditure for five months of the present fiscal year beginning July 1st and ending November 30th, was \$11,000,522 04, and for the same period last

year \$10,991,154 47. This shows an increase of expenditure for the first five months of the present fiscal year over the corresponding period last year of \$910,369 47. On Nov. 30th, 1882, there was on hand a balance accruing from the five months of \$4,575,310 28, and for the same period last year \$3,702,189 37. On account of Consolidated Fund last year the revenue from July 1st to Nov. 30th was \$13,801,342 84 and the expenditure \$10,099,153 47, leaving a balance on hand on Nov. 30th, 1881, of \$3,702,189 37. This year the revenue from July 1st to Nov. 30th amounted to \$15,584,833 22 and the expenditure \$11,000,522 04, leaving on hand \$4,575,310 28.

Personal Gossip.

Sir Joseph Napier is dead. Sir John McDonald is at work again. The health of Sir John A. Macdonald is improving. Gustav Dore has completed his monument to Alexandre Dumas. The remains of Sir Hugh Allan are expected at Montreal about Christmas. Hon. Mr. Chapleau will spend some time in New Orleans previous to leaving for California. The Rev. Mr. Newnam is now the assistant to the Dean of Christ Church cathedral, Montreal. The Duke of Sermoneta, President of the Provisional Government after the entry of the Italian troops into Rome in 1870, is dead.

Keely, inventor of the new motor, has filed a caveat which covers the chief points of his discovery, the precise nature of which, however, still remains a secret.

Pall Mall Gazette:—"Communities do best when left to run their own course, follow their own fashions, be governed according to their own laws, work out their own destinies."

There seems to have been an unusually heavy crop of barley all over Ontario this spring. An exchange mentions that at Newcastle has been over 28,000 bushels.

Mrs. John Smith, a daughter of the Morgun alleged to have been killed by the Missions, recently died at Portland, Oregon, without saying anything to throw light on the mystery of her father's disappearance.

Mrs. Labouchere confirms the report of a quarrel between herself and Mrs. Langtry, in regard to the associations of the latter, and says that Mrs. Langtry has received a despatch from her husband, ordering her to come home at once.

The Prince of Wales, at a ball given by the Duke of Connaught, is said to have replied to a millionaire ex-tailor who complained that the company was mixed, "Perhaps so; my brother could not invite all the tailors in London."

An Ottawa telegram to the Quebec Chronicle contains the following, which may need revision. During the past season 60,000 persons have left the older Provinces for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. During the same period 90,000 immigrants had come into the country, many of whom settled in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The Halifax Herald's Ottawa correspondent says His Excellency the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise intend making a five weeks' tour in the United States. They will visit Southern California and other places during the remainder of the Governor-General's absence. General Sir Patrick McDougall, Commander of the Forces, will act as Administrator.

About the oldest member of Parliament to-day, in point of age, is the Right Hon. Charles Villiers, Cobden's foremost coadjutor. Mr. Bright alone excepted, in abolishing the Corn laws. He is brother of the late Lord Clarendon and of Lady Theresa, wife of Sir George Cornwall Lewis, a lady of conspicuous ability. Mr. Villiers is 80, and has sat for Wolverhampton since 1835.

GRAND CONCERT. Y. M. C. A. HALL.

Tuesday, 19th instant.

- PROGRAMME: 1. Chorus—"The God of Israel," The Methodist Choir, directed by Prof. Frieze; accompanied by Miss Morris, Organist; Mr. Vinnicombe, Violin; Mr. Fletcher, Cornet; and Mr. Young, Flute. 2. Instrumental—"La Val d'Armour," Orchestral Club. 3. Solo-Vocal.....Mr. Unsworth. 4. Piano Solo.....Prof. Earle. 5. Solo-Vocal.....Mrs. W. Longworth. 6. Instrumental—"Casino Waltzes," Orchestral Club. 7. Glee—"Come Follow Me," Mr. Knight and others. 8. Violin Solo, by Gluck, (by request), Mr. Vinnicombe. 9. Solo-Vocal—"Good Bye," Miss K. Knight. 10. Instrumental—Selections from Stradelle, Orchestral Club. 11. Solo-Vocal.....Mr. Reid. 12. "The Gloria," from Mozart's 12th Mass., Methodist Choir and Instrumental accompaniment. Proceeds of Concert in aid of Association Fund. Doors open at 7.30; commence at 8 o'clock. Admission only 15 cents. Dec. 16.—3t

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For the information of parties interested, two long and two short blasts of the whistle will be given at the crossings approaching Charlottetown, by the locomotive of any train from Georgetown having mails from the Mainland.

L. B. ARHIBALD, Supt. Railway Office, Charlottetown, Dec. 7, 1882. 6i cod, her pres 4t

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