

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

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**A WARNING.**

There is no doubt here that the claims of this Province upon the Dominion Government are equitable and such as ought to be recognized and yielded; and the people and politicians of the Province are unanimous in their desire for a favorable settlement of the matter. But there is a difference of opinion upon one or two minor points. The Government party want a large sum of money to replenish the treasury which they have exhausted; and the Opposition party protest that no settlement ought to be effected that will be prejudicial to railway extension. We regret that a resolution embodying this latter idea was voted down by the Liberal majority in the Legislature; for if the money should all go into the Provincial treasury, it will soon be frittered away and the country will still need railway extension in various directions.

But apart from this minor difference between the two political parties, there exists a grave doubt that the proposed arbitration is expedient or in the interests of this Province. The arbitration will, of course, if obtained, be conducted within strictly legal and constitutional lines, and our claims are, for the most part, merely equitable; the arbitrators will be appointed, one by the Dominion Government, one by the Queen, and one by Prince Edward Island. What chance has the Province before a tribunal so constituted? We have no desire to enter upon an elaborate argument of this question. But we ask the Government to think the matter over very carefully, and to be sure that they are right before they further press the Government to consent to an arbitration in which this Province will be heavily handicapped. We feel sure that the arbitration proposition, as set forth by Mr. Peters, was not seriously considered by the people of this Province. By many it was regarded as a mere election dodge to divert attention from other issues in the election and to tickle the imaginations of thoughtless and ignorant persons anxious to get rid of the burden of Provincial debt that has been heaped up. We doubt if Mr. Peters, himself, ever seriously entertained the idea; and we warn the Government not to go forward in a course which is likely to lead to disaster to our cause.

There never was a time at which the just and equitable claims of this Province could be pressed directly upon the Government under such favorable circumstances as at present. Whatever we may think of the political foresight or judgment of Sir Louis Davies, we must admit that he is an able advocate. Given a good cause he can, if he choose to do so, press it in a convincing manner. Sir Louis Davies is now in the Cabinet. He is, indeed, one of the pillars upon which the Liberal Administration depends. The majority of the Island contingent is Liberal; and the minority will, in such a cause, rather aid than oppose him. More than that, he is regarded as the leader of the Maritime Liberals; and the cause of Prince Edward Island, to a large extent, is the cause of all the Maritime Provinces entitled to some equivalent for the enormous Governmental expenditures that have been made in the West. If Sir Louis Davies, in the position that he occupies, backed and supported as he is, were to press the claims of this Province upon the attention of his colleagues, there can be little doubt that he would be successful; whereas the success of a legal arbitration is, in the nature of all the conditions and circumstances, exceedingly doubtful. Fortunately the Dominion Government have taken time for consideration; fortunately they see a difficulty in the precedent that will be created by an arbitration in such a case. We sincerely hope that the Provincial Government will profit by the delay of the Dominion Government, and quietly cease pressing for arbitration and continue appealing to the equity of the Government and Parliament of Canada.

Coal being all important at present the New York Tribune has published a statement of the world's output. In 1895 the whole quantity was about 650,000,000 tons. Of this the British Isles contributed 218,000,000 tons, the United States 192,000,000 and Germany 124,000,000 tons, these three countries thus producing nearly five-sixths of the total supply. The proportion is increased when the output of the British Empire outside of the United Kingdom is taken into consideration. Canada produces 3,000,000 tons, India from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 tons, and Australia and New Zealand about 5,500,000 tons more. Austria-Hungary produced 36,000,000 tons in 1895, France 32,000,000 tons in 1896 and Belgium 23,000,000 tons in 1895. Russia produces about 10,000,000 tons.

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**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

We announce to-day the death of Mrs. Inge, wife of John Inge, Esquire, of the Esplanade. Mrs. Inge has been ill for many months. She was a daughter of the late Hon. James Yeo and sister of Messrs. John and James Yeo, of Port Hill. We sympathize with her bereaved family.

The important action taken at the recent meeting of the Fruit Growers Association has resulted in the incorporation of the organization and its recognition by the Government with a money part which will help to develop the important interests to which it is devoted. The Government has only done its duty in assisting the F. G. A., which we hope to see it demonstrate its usefulness to the country in no uncertain way.

Mr. Alexander D. Anderson has an article in The Review of Reviews, in which he gives exact data respecting the ownership of the West Indian Islands and Bermuda:

	No. of Islands.	Area Sq. Miles.
Spain.....	2	39,562
American republics.....	1	26,247
Great Britain.....	54	11,570
France.....	3	1,103
Netherlands.....	5	434
Denmark.....	3	223
United States.....	0	0
Total.....	68	81,240

The above comprises simply the island large enough to be named in atlases or cyclopedias.

**ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.**

Montreal Gazette: Some of the horrors of war are being brought very close to United States newspaper readers. The poetry that the excitement has given birth to runs from hair-raising to blasphemy, murdering Queen Victoria's English by the way.

Montreal Gazette: It was on April 23 that President McKinley called for 125,000 men for the U. S. volunteer army. On May 19 it was reported that close upon 40,000 men had responded. That is fairly good, only in one sense. Not many countries could enlist an army corps in a fortnight. It is less though then might have been expected from the outward evidences of popular enthusiasm, which indicated that the whole country was wild for war. It may be slower work still getting the other 85,000.

The Zeitung of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, one of the leading newspapers of Germany, has this to say about Spanish rule in America: Spain reaps what it sows. There is now in course an act of the world's history which is the world's judgment. The Spaniard could conquer, but not colonize; he could destroy, but not build up. Even the Spaniards who discovered America filled the world with indignation over their atrocities. They have there destroyed an old culture and devastated peaceful, flourishing empires. As hungry for gold as they were thirsty for blood, they roasted alive the Aztec king, Montezuma, and his people in order to squeeze more gold out of them. The history of Spanish America is one continuous murder and robbery story. As soon as the American people became conscious of its situation the revolution and the secession began. Thus Spain has lost one after the other of all its colonies on the American continent, and now comes the turn of Cuba, the pearl of the Antilles. Spain has had time enough to quiet the threatening storm by making Cuba free and happy, but it was not Spain's way. The system which at home tortured the Moors and the Jews, persecuted every free breath, brought nearly the whole people to the verge of beggary, and which even yet applies the rack, could be in Cuba no system of freedom, of enlightenment and of public welfare. In the waters of Cuba two views of the world, two cultures, rub and push each other. In the north stands the free American with his feeling of equality, his independence, his strife for education and work; opposed to him stands the Spaniard, who has learned nothing and can do nothing for humanity.

**AN EXCELLENT IDEA.**—The enterprising firm of John Murphy & Son have imported a large quantity of clothes brushes, one of which they give away with every half dollar's worth of goods sold. The brushes are well made, and are embossed on the back with the firm's name.

**ARRESTS MADE.**—Three arrests have been made at Point Du Chene in connection with the supposed murder of Owen Hamill, a former resident of this province. The names of the suspected persons are James Hamill, brother of the deceased, Thomas McGarrity and Gallant.

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**MIGHT AGAINST RIGHT.**

How Prof. Goldwin Smith Views the Manila "Victory."

Discussing the war in the Weekly Sun, "Bystander" writes:—

That might was on the side of the Americans, or, to speak more truly, of the war party in the United States, could be doubted by no one who knew anything of American resources and of the condition of Spain. Spain is a decayed power; and the hollow survival of her ancient grandeur only serves to stimulate the vanity as well as tempt the rapacity of the aggressor. Her armaments are antiquated, and her services are rotten. Dewey's victory at Manila is one of the same kind as that of Jackson at New Orleans, where the British soldiers straggling helplessly over a swamp were shot down by the Americans lying in perfect security behind their ramparts, and the loss of the Americans was seven killed and six wounded, to two thousand killed and wounded on the other side. The poor Spanish seamen could only die, and that they did. The real character of the victory did not prevent Jackson, and will not prevent Dewey, from being a popular idol, and an available candidate for the Presidency of the United States. The result will probably be much the same if the fleets should meet. Might, overwhelming might, is on the American side. But to distinguish might from right, and plead the cause of right against might, is the work for which a public writer—if he is good for anything—is good. Let people who are shouting behind the ear of victory remember that Spain is not the only weak nation. The spirit which, for the time, has broken loose in the United States is akin to that which broke loose in the time of Jack-on, and respects nothing but force.

"Remember the Maine!" was the battle-cry of Dewey's fleet. "To Hell with Spain; Remember the Maine!" is the motto on the badge worn by the war party of the United States. There you have the real motive of this war, so far as the masses are concerned. Yet, of all the Congressional demagogues and Yellow Journalists who have been maddening the people by disseminating the belief that the Maine was destroyed by agents of the Spanish Government, there was not one who did not know he was propagating an infamous calumny.

There are motives lower even than blind revenge. There are motives of commercial gentlemen thronging Washington, as an American journal phrased it, "to have a pull at this thing." There is the depraved love of a bloody spectacle seen at a safe distance through the pictorial press. We have made material improvements in civilization. Instead of shooting stones and arrows from catapults and mangonels, we can now rain death from five-mile guns on the people of a hostile city. But it is not an improvement that by the invention of paid armies the people who make the wars are able to stay at home at ease and gloat over the picture of slaughter.

Though blood may be thicker than water, the tie of justice is above tincture of blood, and we do a kinsman little real service by abetting him in iniquity. The basis of an Anglo-American alliance would be worse than frail if it was to be a part of a wrong doing.

Flying off into vague sentimentalities, people shrink the plain question of morality before them. Spain tendered arbitration in the case of the Maine, pledging herself beforehand to abide by the verdict of the tribunal. Her offer was met by war. Was this just? That, and not any question of racial affinities or of reconstruction of the diplomatic universe, is at present before the court of opinion.

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