

THE DAILY EXAMINER. DECEMBER 27, 1881.

The O'Farrell-McDonald Case.

That in this case a mistake was made by the Land Office in the sale to both parties of a few acres of land is admitted; though to anyone who knows anything at all about the careless way in which the "meets and bounds" of farms throughout the Province have been set down by former agents and surveyors—those on whose data the Land Office makes its sales of all holdings—the mistake will appear quite pardonable.

But it is admitted that however this may be, the sales to both parties were made before the Hon. Donald Ferguson—against whom the charges which give this case its importance to the public have been brought—was taken office.

It is also undeniable that the deed McDonald received was given by Mr. Ferguson, under a threat of legal proceedings, on the advice of the Attorney General, after Mr. Ferguson had endeavored in vain to effect an amicable settlement of the difficulty, which had by this time arisen.

On these admitted and undeniable facts the defence of the Commissioner of Crown Lands rests. Even though, as the Patriot wrongly contends, the sale to McDonald was not effected until the deed was signed, sealed, and delivered, still the Hon. Mr. Ferguson should be held blameless; for the deed was given under compulsion, and in accordance with legal advice which the Commissioner of Crown Lands is bound to follow.

But in addition to the main charge, several minor charges have been brought against the Commissioner of Crown Lands. The editor of the Patriot led the public to believe that Mr. Strong's letter to Mr. McDonald had been stolen out of the Post Office. To make this apparent to everyone, we quote from the Patriot the following:

"He (Mr. Ferguson) intended the public to believe that McDonald had received that letter, and if we had not informed them that it had never reached McDonald's hands but was stolen out of the Post Office, no one in the community would have expected that such was the fact."

And, again, the Patriot declared that Mr. Ferguson "had the best reason to believe that the letter was stolen."

Accompanying these declarations were denunciations of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for not prosecuting the man who had used these stolen letters in a Court of Justice. That there may be no doubt about this, we again quote from the Patriot:

"That letter was stolen and opened by some one who had no right to it, and why is it that Mr. Donald Ferguson does not prosecute the man in whose possession the stolen letter was found, and who had the audacity to produce it as evidence in a Court of Justice?"

With reference to this, Mr. Malcolm McLeod has produced the evidence which led him to believe that the letter had never been placed in the care of the Post Office at all.

In a strain, the editor of the Patriot now turns round and tries to make the public believe that it was Mr. Ferguson who stated that the letter was stolen, and that it was Mr. Ferguson who dragged in the name of the man in whose possession the letter was found, and who had "the audacity," etc. But no such statement as that the letter was stolen from the Post Office, can be found in any letter Mr. Ferguson has written on the subject.

We do not question the motives which induce the editor of the Patriot thus to bear false witness against Mr. Ferguson; but it is sufficiently clear that both the major and the minor charges which he has preferred against Mr. Ferguson with respect to this case are without foundation.

Christmas Jottings.

(Crowded out of Saturday's issue.)

The observing of this festival meant something in the early days of the Christian Church. The Christians knew something of their Master's spirit when they braved the persecutions of hostile men. Here is an account of such a Christmas: In the reign of Diocletian (284, 305, A.D.), while that ruler was keeping court at Nicomedia, he learned that a multitude of Christians were assembled in the city to celebrate Christmas. Having ordered the church-doors to be closed, he set fire to the building, and all the worshippers perished in the flames.

The wise scientists of the day brought their richest gifts and laid them at the feet of the babe. These kings could despise the conventionalities of Herod's Court, and design to pay homage to one who "had not where to lay his head." The poor are always among us, but it is very seldom that they get the best of the gifts given at Christmas. Our best and richest too often go to those who have more than enough.

—There is a beautiful legend, as old as the first century, describing in a striking way, the moment of the Nativity. It tells us that the pole of the heavens stood motionless, the birds were rivetted in the air, all nature was awe-struck at the awful moment. "I saw the sheep scattered and the sheep stood, and the shepherd lifted up his hand to strike, and his hand remained up; and I looked at the stream of the river, and the mouths of the kids were down, and were not drinking. Workmen sat around the bowl of food, dipping their fingers into the bowl but could not lift their hands; and everything which was being propelled forward was intercepted in its course."

—Another beautiful legend, told to this day at Bethlehem, says that when Adam and Eve were driven from their beautiful garden, they wandered until they reached Bethlehem; there they saw the valley blooming with flowers—yellow, purple and white; there they made their home. Eight hundred years after, Lot came to live there; and was told by his angel that he could never be happy until he had planted a sapling tree in the midst of the valley, and made it grow with water brought from the Jordan. Lot brought the pitcher to the tree, and he water bubbled up and over the brim to his roots. The tree lived on for seven hundred years, until Solomon's men cut it down for the temple. When the beam was carried to Jerusalem, no amount of cutting would make it fit its appointed place in the structure—the beam was always too long or too short. At last the workmen flung it aside, saying it was "an accursed tree." There it lay for eleven hundred years and more, until the prophets of the

temple, until one sad day in the history of the world, the second Adam was raised upon it. Three hundred years pass away, the tree is once more found, this time by S. Helena, who makes of it a Christian shrine. The Bethlehemites of to-day tell us that the stumps and the roots of the tree lie still in the valley of Bethlehem.

—As Cathedral Choristers chanted their undying Christmas Carol on the first Christmas, so now, as the anniversary comes round, Christians love to sing and to hear the Christmas Carols. We hear of the practice as early as the second century, as proved by the discovery of a sarcophagus belonging to that period, having sculptured upon it a Christian family joining in singing Nativity songs. The Parliament of the Commonwealth, tried to abolish not only Carols, but the festival of Christmas altogether, and holly and ivy were made seditious badges.

THE news item, to which our correspondent "Armagh" refers, was published in all the leading papers of Canada. But, perhaps, it was manufactured. Our correspondent's statement that a Convention of Catholic Clergymen endorsed the "No rent" policy must be erroneous. It is quite impossible that true followers of Him who commanded to render unto all men that which is their due, "custom to whom custom, tribute to whom tribute" etc., could endorse such a policy. If (as we believe) the rent system be opposed to the interests of the people of Ireland, it is the duty of the people of Ireland to agitate as strongly possible, but in a constitutional way for its amelioration or removal. But "no rent" or (to use one plain word) robbery must be avoided. Slavery and many other public evils have been removed by the use of legitimate means. Why not landlordism? Our sympathies are strongly with the people in Ireland who are oppressed by rascally landlords; but we dislike the methods of the dynamite-no-rent-league.

Missionary and Pioneer Life.

The trials attending Missionary life in British Columbia may be imagined by reading the following letter recently received by Theo. L. Chappelle, Esq., from his brother now stationed at Nicola Valley, B. C.

I am planning to write a series of letters to the "Wesleyan" on "Our Pacific Province." I may send you something as well for a Charlestown paper by and by. I continue very well. I have ridden over the mountains with thermometer 7° below zero in Nicola, and considerable wind, and quite enjoyed it, so that I do not expect to suffer from cold. The climate is so dry that the cold does not pierce as on the seaboard. One of the things that is new to me at first, is the hermit life that many live out on the mountains. Let me give you an instance at length. Wednesday on my way to Kamloops, I left Richey McDonald, of New Glasgow, N. S., unwell, chills and cramps. On my return I got to his cabin at dusk, put horse in the stable, went to the cabin and found him lying by the fire quite delirious. Night was falling fast I looked round every where that I could think of for a match, none could I find, looked anxiously for a candle, could not find one anywhere, and the prospect was, (the very thought of which terrifies me still), to spend the night in darkness, with one in the delirium of fever, unable to do the least thing for him, and let the fever rage until inflammation had done its work. He had told me as I went over that I was the second person he had seen in a week, and I could not expect any passer-by, particularly at that hour. The nearest neighbors were 7 miles in one direction, and 8 miles in another. "I shall ride in the pitch darkness and falling snow to the nearest!" While away the fever may get past control. This was my situation when I heard the dogs barking. I bounded out of the door, and running hard as I could, halloed loudly, thinking that, perhaps, some Swashes (Indians) were passing, and that I could send word along by them. But what was my delight when I found that it was a Mexican woman and a white man coming, expecting to stay over night. She had been there before and knew all about the cabin, and had done a great deal of nursing among miners, and knew just how to go to work. We made him a bed near the stove, gave him castor oil, applied hot clothes where pain was, rubbed with alcohol and cayenne pepper and by midnight he went into a sleep. On Monday I rode up to see him again, and found him convalescing, but still needing great care. If ever the Lord sent anybody to mortal man, he sent that Mexican woman that night to save Richey's life and to save me from a most uncomfortable situation. The dog of the neighbor eight miles distant had wandered down to Richey's. A note was tied round his neck saying that Richey was very sick and had driven home, and on Monday I found that Mr. Newman had been there in answer to the message carried by the faithful courier. This Mr. Newman, three winters ago, fell off his horse and broke his leg. He crawled into his cabin, and lay there for three days creeping up to the door with his leg that he might get some ice or snow to eat to keep him alive. On the third day some Swashes happened to be passing near, went in, and found him. They went to the nearest neighbors, six miles, and had him carried in that state twenty miles that he might be taken care of. I have filled my life with this one phase of human life. It is a dreadful country to get sick in—the doctor 100, 200, 300 miles distant. And now I must close. By the time you get this it will be Christmas time. My trunks are still at Yale, and fear that I will not get them this winter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of our correspondents.

A Blundering Editor.

To the Editor of the Examiner. DEAR SIR,—The editor of the Patriot occasionally poses himself as a critic of English composition. Not long since THE EXAMINER passed under his critical view. A few typographical errors were discovered, and these were made use of by the sage of the Patriot to point out how utterly ungrammatical THE EXAMINER had become.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I will endeavor to return the compliment. In a late number of a Daily Patriot we read: "The Commissioners have come to the conclusion that policies never had nothing to do with the appointments to the Asylum." In the Weekly Patriot of the 22nd Dec., we are told: "If it had not been that one of the offenders turned Queen's evidence, the probability is that the man who committed that outrage," etc. How is that for high? For perhaps the first time in his life, we have the editor of the Patriot on the stool of repentance, and in this, to him, novel position, he discourses after the following fashion: "We greatly regret that we were ourselves, through misunderstanding information given us with regard to 'with regard,' in the article now under notice, is repeated only twenty or thirty times to the conduct of attendants, were instrumental in circulating one of the worst of 'hes-reports.' Well!—we should think so. On the same page we are informed as follows: "Assuring them that there was no fraud in the transaction, that the Attorney General was right, and that the Government owned the land which was conveyed to McDonald; why do they suffer the honest purchaser to be disappointed?"

I might go on quoting gross grammatical blunders from the writings of the Patriot Editor, but let the above suffice for the present. A writer who criticizes so freely the composition of others should make sure first that he is not himself a cold-blooded murderer of the Queen's English. I leave your readers to judge whether or not the Patriot is guilty or not guilty. Yours, etc., SCHOOLBOY.

SHIP NEWS.

Georgetown, Dec 25—81d brig Sirius, Sigsworth, master, for Boston 5,000 bush. potatoes, shipped by—D. Gordon; brig Newarra, Parker, master for Great Britain, 24, 192 bush oats and 4,000 feet deals shipped by D. Gordon; barque William Owen, Brown, 45,000 bush oats, by Messrs. Oren & Welsh; brig Pedestal, McAulay, for St. John's, Nfld, general cargo, by Capt Aylward.

Halifax, Dec 22—ar J B B I, put into harbor. She was from P E I, bound for Gloucester; 25 chl schr Alice May, Balcom, New Haven, Conn, cargo for Souris.

Vineyard Haven, 21—ar schr Mayflower, Neville, Summerside for Philadelphia.

New York—ar schr Tiger, Kennedy, Charlotte-town; old brig Marshal S, for Santa Martha.

Fortress Mauro, 21—passed schr Ada, Parsons, from Summerside for Baltimore.

Providence, R I, 20—ar schr Ann Eliza, Dorr, Summerside, (and has been ordered to Apponnet to discharge).

Liverpool, Eng, Dec 20th—Arrived barque M J. Foley from Charlottetown—20 days.

Passed through the Straits Canal, Dec 25th, barque Eugenie and brig Parrell, from Souris, for Queenstown.

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The Glass Show Cases made by John Newton for Dorsey, Goff Co., are the finest we have seen, they are now full of beautiful lines of slippers which all would do well to come and see.

There is no rock so hard that a little wave may beat admission in a thousand years.—Tennyson.

All the type and machinery of United Ireland has been forwarded to London, where the paper will be printed.

The census of France taken yesterday shows a population estimated at 38,500,000.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, December 27—10 a. m.

Moderate to fresh winds, fair to cloudy weather; rain to-night in western and southern portions.

MARRIED.

At the North American Hotel, Charlottetown, on the 27th Dec, by the Rev. John Goodwill, Mr. Neil McKay, of De-able, to Sarah Jane Collett, of the same place.

At Georgetown, on 26th inst., before Hon. D. Gordon, J. P., Mr. William Mann and Miss Emily Giddings, both of Murray Harbor South.

On the 17th November, at Lawrence, Mass., by Rev. A. E. White, Mr. Robert Ferguson, of Annapolis, N. S., to Miss Mary J. Wilkins, of Cardigan, N. S., in this Island.

DIED.

On Saturday last (24th inst.) at her late residence, Mary Ann Holland, relict of the late Hon. George Beer, in the 73rd year of her age.

In this city, on the 21st inst., Margery, relict of the late John McKee, of Pinette, in the 67th year of her age. She leaves one son and three daughters to mourn the loss of a kind, affectionate and loving mother. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church from her earliest years. She was a woman of exemplary character, of genuine piety, and during her pilgrimage here below manifested a deep interest in Christ's cause at home and abroad, and while strength lasted was regular in her attendance on the public means of grace. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

At North Side, St. Peter's Bay, on the 15th inst., Elizabeth, relict of the late James Anderson, in the 80th year of her age. She leaves five sons and three daughters to mourn the loss of a kind, affectionate and loving mother. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church from her earliest years. She was a woman of exemplary character, of genuine piety, and during her long pilgrimage manifested a deep interest in Christ's cause at home and abroad, and while strength lasted was regular in her attendance on the public means of grace. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

At West River, Lot 65, on the 19th of Sept. of diphtheria, La. Han, aged 7 yrs and 9 months. Also, on the 25th, Margaret Ann, aged 3 years and 7 months. Also, on the 1st December, Donald, aged 9 years and 5 months. Also, on the 8th December, Katy, aged 1 year and 5 months. Also, on the 12th December, Hugh, aged 6 years and 6 months, the beloved children of John and Jane McArthur.

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—ALSO—81 half-chests Cotigon Tea, 61 boxes do. (20 pounds each), 19 boxes Flat Tobacco, 10 boxes Twist Tobacco, 100 doz. Brooms, 50 cans French Coffee, 49 boxes T. D. Pipes, 50 boxes Starch 50 boxes Conf cotton, 15 barrels fine Table Salt, lot of Spices, lot of Codfish, etc., etc.; 3 tierces Tracle, 3 barrels granulated and Refined Sugar, 25,000 Paper Eggs, 25 boxes Candles, 2 boxes Wax Candles, 5 doz. Brooms, 20 boxes Layer Raisins, 14 boxes do.; 3 barrels Spring Extra Flour, 1 side slaughter Leather.

Sale positive to close consignments.

Dec. 17, 1881—ed WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

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