

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Land Office Report.

The report of the Commissioner of Public Lands for the year 1892 is a very meagre document. In view of the shortage shown by the report and subsequent returns last year, it might reasonably be expected that the report of the present year would clear up discrepancies and give the people the information to which they are entitled.

The Report for 1891 showed that up to the end of that year 705,281 1/2 acres of land were sold since the organization of the Department. Mr. McMillan tells us that he has sold 4,127 acres in 1892. Yet he gives the total quantity of land sold up to the 31st of December last, as 708,702 acres. What has happened to the 706 1/2? Has there been a landslide?

On pages 8 and 9 of the appendix it is shown that lands belonging to the Moore Estate have been sold in 1892 for \$693 02; of this sum \$582 77 have been received in payment, and the balance still unpaid is \$47 27. There is a discrepancy here of \$62.98.

On the same pages it appears that lands belonging to the Stewart Estate on Lot 48 to the value of \$581.15 were sold during the year, but no money appears to have been paid into the Treasury. Yet it is almost certain that money was received on these transactions, because the unpaid balance is given as \$3.24.

Although the Report is silent on the question of reductions, it is believed that the Premier has continued, during the year, making illegal statements with a view to purchase political support. There is a large shortage on the year's transactions, the greater part of which can only be accounted for in this way. The following statement shows that a large balance has disappeared from the books without finding its way into the Treasury:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Balance as shown on the 31st Dec, 1891, Add land sold in 1892, Deduct cash paid into the Treasury in 1892, Balance which ought to appear, Balance as shown by Report, and Shortage.

If this sum represented the reductions given, it will appear that these reductions amount to nearly 15 per cent. of the collections, or nearly double as much as the law warrants.

We refrain from further comments on this matter until the returns asked for by the Opposition are laid on the table of the House.

The Commissioner does not inform the public whether a change has been made in the system of book-keeping in the Land Offices. This system heretofore in use was strongly condemned by Commissioners Arnaud and Carvell, and the party now in power condemned their predecessors for not keeping their books by double-entry.

Nor is there a word as to how the collecting tours have been conducted; nor, indeed, is it intimated that such tours were made at all. Why has all reference to this matter been left out of the report?

There is, however, positive information on another point, which calls for more than mere comment. Three hundred and sixty-seven (367) acres of land were purchased during the year for \$2,170.61, and 339 1/2 acres of it were sold for \$693.02. Assuming that the 57 1/2 acres remaining will be sold at the same rate, there will be a loss of \$1,422.00, or 300 per cent on the transaction! This looks much like a job, and calls for explanation.

Notes and Comments.

Advices from London report that Manitoba Red Fife wheat has again taken the highest possible prize in competition with the wheats of the world. Red Fife is, as the Montreal Gazette remarks, the king of grains, and the Canadian Northwest is his home.

The leading agricultural paper of England, the Mark Lane Express, is getting tired of Government inaction and demands attention as follows: "Farmers have been the sport of politicians long enough. We write bitterly; we feel bitterly. Our duty is to the farmer, and that we will fulfil as far as our powers extend. The Government promised a committee to enquire into agricultural depression, and it was to be no more shelving of pressing agricultural questions. That was the promise that took Radical and Liberal agriculturists into the lobby with them. We have to ask these gentlemen whether that promise is going to be fulfilled, and, if not, whether they are prepared to do their duty, and know at any rate the reason why."

The Post's London despatch says: "In consequence of the Newfoundland legislative measure the Newfoundland legislature made the present temporary act permanent, Imperial legislation would be necessary in 1893 to fulfil Great Britain's obligations to France. Lord Ribblesdale is awaiting a report from Newfoundland, when the matter will be brought before parliament."

The Future Horse Trade.

One reason why our horse trade is dull is that we haven't the right horses. A large majority of those persons in the States and elsewhere who purchase horses care nothing at all for trotters. They want saddle horses and high steppers—showy horses for display in the streets and parks. This fact is recognized at the West, where thoroughbreds are in request. We note a recent arrival in Toronto of eight English thoroughbred horses, which are to be sent to a ranch near Regina. A contemporary remarks that "they will doubtless, when their racing career is over, leave an imprint upon the breed in this country that will go far to improve the strains we have, and to add to the sources we already boast of for the supply of saddle horses to the United States. This, in fact bids fair to become a chief item in our trade returns, and it must be many years before the Americans themselves are able to produce the horses they want; though eventually their farmers and breeders may be trusted to "catch on" and to question our present monopoly. It will be curious to watch the changes to be made in the McKinley bill, for if there is one tax more than another most assuredly paid by the consumer, it is the enhanced price of Canadian horses at New York. There are already, it may be noted, eight or ten establishments in Ontario where large numbers of saddle horses and high-steppers are being fitted for the spring market in New York."

Hackney horses are also being extensively used in Ontario for breeding purposes; and the results are reported satisfactory. In view of the facts here stated our horse breeders will do well if they do devote less attention to trotters and more attention to saddle and carriage horses of all kinds. We suggest that the Government show its interest in this important branch of our exports by importing a thoroughbred of the best quality.

Mr. Blanchard's Appointment.

SENATOR HOWLAN wrote a letter to the Guardian in respect to this matter on the 13th of March. It appeared in the Guardian this morning, March 27th. We presume that ye independent editor was, in the meantime, considering whether or not it was partisan. However this may be, we here insert the gist of the Senator's letter, as follows:—

"This work was built chiefly for the accommodation of the fishermen, who frequent the fishing grounds during the summer, the great majority of whom are Frenchmen from the neighboring Townships of Lots 5 and 6. There is a very large number of French electors throughout the First Electoral District of Prince County who have received very little recognition so far as public office is concerned. Mr. Blanchard is a man of fair education in both English and French, skilled in woodwork, sober, industrious and possessing very largely the confidence of the whole people of the District, as the following facts will certify. In 1888 he contested the First District for Local Parliament, and the result of the vote stood as follows: Matheson, 1,061; Maclellan, 1082; Blanchard, 1065; Larivais, 993. The Public Offices at Milingash are all held by English-speaking electors, as follows: Mr. Wm. Callaghan, the chairman of this meeting, Custom House Officer; Mr. W. P. Callaghan (his son), Light House Keeper; Mr. George C. Green, the secretary of the meeting, another Light House Keeper; Mr. Richard Costain, Postmaster, and Mr. Michael McElroy, the Harbor Master. Under these circumstances, as well as not being willing to listen to the cry of "He is only a Frenchman," by a few disappointed applicants, I recommended the appointment of Mr. Blanchard, believing him to be a fit and proper person."

A Civic Question.

We understand that the Mayor has received a letter from Mr. F. L. Hazard on behalf of himself and other citizens, asking him to declare Councillor Crabbe's seat vacant on account of his having sold certain supplies to the Water Commissioners. To this letter the Mayor has replied that he has no power to make any investigation in the matter or to declare any councillor's seat vacant. He further informed these gentlemen that the Common Law Courts alone, in his opinion, on writ of quo warranto, can take cognizance of such matters. A general testing of the seats of all councillors would now be in order. We would suggest to these gentlemen that they make a test case before our Supreme Court. It is stated that some of the councillors have sold goods direct to the corporation.

Holy Week Services.

Services at St. Peter's Cathedral during this week will be as follows:— Holy Communion daily (except Good Friday) at 7.45 a. m., and on Thursday at 10 a. m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—Children's service at 4 p. m. Special Service and Sermon on the Passion of our Lord at 7.30 p. m. Good Friday—Children's Service at 9.15 a. m. Matins and Ante-Communion at 10 a. m. Meditations on the Stations of the Cross, from 12 to 3 p. m. Special Service and Sermon at 7.30 p. m.

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Americans who are opposing the ratification of the Russian extradition treaty will find a new stimulant in the fate of the 583 prisoners frozen to death on their way to the Siberian prisons. It would be disgraceful for a civilized nation to surrender a political prisoner to a government under which such things are possible.

Dr. E. E. Humphreys.

Dr. Edward Rupert Humphreys, well known in educational circles of Charlottetown and Boston, Mass., died on Monday, the 19th inst. He was born in England, March 1, 1820, and graduated from the University of Cambridge, where he studied medicine. He was appointed in 1844, Head Master of the Central Academy in Charlottetown, which position he gave up to take the position of Head Master in the classics in Merchiston Castle Academy, near Edinburgh, in 1848. His learning secured his election as Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland in 1849, and the following year won him the degree of LL.D. from King's University and King's College in Aberdeen. For seven years he held the place of head master of ancient languages in the Grammar School of Cheltenham, and during his incumbency there he was made president of the College of Preceptors in London, which place he resigned with his other position to come to America about thirty years ago. During the war and afterward he contributed a series of articles to Moore's Masonic Magazine on the alleviation of war's necessary sufferings. He also wrote an historical work on Masonry and was a prominent member of that order. Among some of his other works are:—"Lessons on the Liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church," "Essays on the Education of Military Officers," "The Higher Education of Europe and America," "America's Past, Present and Prospective," and a manual of political economy, of which a second edition was printed in 1855. A widow and several children survive him.

The deceased was a brother-in-law of Richard Hunt, Esq., of Summerside.

A False Alarm.

MR. POWDERLEY DENIES BEING PARTY TO A CONSPIRACY.

Two weeks ago the Rev. J. G. White, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister of Stanford, Ill., in addressing the Milwaukee Ministers' Association, declared he had professed of a conspiracy of the Church of Rome against the United States to overthrow its Government; that the Pope, Cardinal Gibbons, sixty clergymen and bishops and ten archbishops were backing a man who was endeavoring to raise a revolution in this country; that this man was T. V. Powderley, who, under the pretext of aiding and assisting the laboring man, was plotting, with the aid of the Catholic Church, to overthrow this country. This declaration was commented upon by Mrs. A. P. Stephens, editor of the Vanguard, a reform paper of Chicago, who has been on terms of close friendship with Mr. Powderley for several years, and who declared that she did not believe that the working classes of this country were in any danger either from him or the Pope. This publication was brought to the attention of the General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, who immediately wrote a letter to Mrs. Stephens, thanking her for the kind words she had written in his defence and in defence of the working classes, and emphatically denying the charge.

Personal.

Mr. W. C. Kennedy, Insurance Agent, has returned from his business trip to Nova Scotia.

We are indebted to George Stanley, Esq., of the firm of Stanley Brothers, for the latest English papers.

The St. John Sun says: Mr. Davies, of Prince Edward Island, and J. Fraser, of Nova Scotia, who visited South Middlesex to take part in the by-election campaign, may well be exultant. The grays have carried the constituency by a majority of more than 500. They carried the seat at the general election by 624.

The friends here of Randolph Rust, Esq., Port of Spain, Trinidad, will be pleased to know that he was an interested party in a happy event at Hamilton, Ontario, a few days ago, and Miss Catherine R. McDonald, daughter of Dr. McDonald, goes back to his tropical home to share his joys and sorrows with him. It was a white wedding, and judging from the Hamilton Herald, was a very grand affair.

Y. M. C. A.

BULLETIN FOR THIS WEEK.

Monday, 27th—Devotional committee meeting, 4 p. m.; Business men's gym class, 4 45 p. m.; young men's gym class, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, 28th—Boys' gym class, 4 p. m.; Mock Parliament, 8 p. m.

Wednesday, 29th—Vocal music class, 8.45 p. m.

Thursday, 30th—Ticket comm. meeting, 4 p. m.; Business men's gym class, 4 45 p. m.; book-keeping class, 8 p. m.

Friday, 31st—Boys' gym class, 4 p. m.; 7 to 10, monthly free night (proceedings to be announced later).

Saturday, 1st prox.—Business men's gym class, 4 45 p. m.; young men's gym class, 8 p. m.; Teachers' Institute, 8 p. m.; social hour in new parlor, 9 p. m.

Sunday, 6th prox.—Men's meeting, 4 p. m. Easter address from Rev. T. F. Fallerton, and special Easter music.

NOTES.

Yesterday's meeting was again well attended and the exercises proved interesting and profitable. Next Sunday's meeting will be of a special Easter character, full particulars of which will appear in a future issue.

Football players and enthusiasts hold yourselves in readiness for an early call for organization and practice. In the meantime prepare by a frequent use of the gymnasium.

A number of the members had an enjoyable sing and social time in the new parlor Saturday night.

Attack Upon a King.

ROME, March 27. A stone was thrown at King Humbert last night, while he was returning in his carriage from the suburbs. The assailant was overpowered by the people on the street and given over to the police. He proves to be a religious fanatic, who says he intended to insult the King because the latter declined to be reconciled to the Pope.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The I. C. Railway Statement.

Reduction of Staff—Reduction of Expenses.

Other Matters Discussed.

OTTAWA, March 26.

The House of Commons on Saturday sat three hours in the afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Foster submitted further correspondence with reference to the French treaty.

Mr. Laurier asked if the Finance Minister was prepared to inform the House what act in the Government proposed to take with regard to the treaty. Hon. Mr. Mr. Foster requested him to postpone his direct question until Monday.

Hon. Mr. Foster, in reply to Mr. Laurier said that owing to the lateness of the session he would not press the bill for the revision of electoral lists this year.

On this motion to go into supply, Mr. Charlton moved in amendment a resolution setting forth the desirability of reducing the rate of postage from three to two cents. The resolution was lost on division.

Col. Prior then obtained the floor, and made a long speech in favor of providing a pension system for the officers and men of Canada's permanent militia.

The Minister of Militia said he would have much pleasure in taking the matter before his colleagues, and if they decided favorably he would submit the proposition to the House next session.

The Minister told your correspondent that the department was going to adopt permanent camp grounds as a principle in the interests of the force. London will be the western site. There are now permanent grounds at Kingston and Niagara, and one will be established in New Brunswick.

The House then went into supply, and Hon. Mr. Haggart made his annual statement with respect to the I. C. R. He claimed credit for reducing the staff of the road by 382 men and wages amounting to \$156,000. This also meant a large saving in material, for when unnecessary men were employed there was waste. He did not believe that the train service was at all impaired. He did not think that much could be saved on the Prince Edward Island road, but he believed that the main line of the Intercolonial would pay expenses for the half year ending with end of December, 1892. The earnings of the Intercolonial Main Line were \$1,595,047, and expenses \$1,597,757, leaving a deficit of \$2,700, while on the P. E. Island the corresponding months of 1891 were \$316,000. He was confident that the Government roads could be operated without any deficit other than that on the P. E. Island Railway. He had confidence in Mr. Pottinger's management.

Mr. Ferris complained that the economies had been made on the Prince Edward Island Railway by reducing train service to the great inconvenience and loss of the public. There was, he contended, no more reason for injuring and reducing railway service for economic reasons than there was to make a pig pay for their own constitution and operation. Stations had been closed with the view of punishing localities for voting against the Government. The rates charged on the P. E. Island Railway were excessive.

After one item of supply had been passed, the committee arose and the House adjourned at 8.15.

It had been supposed that the decision of the Supreme Court in the graveyard insurance case would put an end to the prosecution of Welton and Reddell. But the Attorney-General was asked what decision the crown had reached in the matter, and he said he was of opinion that there would be no prosecution. He thought that the Rev. Sydney Welton would be included in the new proceedings.

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