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THE DAILY EXAMINER.

APRIL 3, 1897.

MR. MCKINNON AND THE PRESS.

NEWSPAPER readers will be surprised to learn that Mr. McKinnon rose in the Legislative Assembly yesterday, and accused the press to slandering him in connection with his action at the Murray River meeting concerning the proposed railway. The opinion of those conversant with the facts is that Mr. McKinnon was, in respect to that matter, treated by THE EXAMINER with an excess of courtesy. What are the facts? Mr. McKinnon interfered to burke the passage of a resolution setting forth the necessity for a railway, and the responsibilities of the Dominion Government and the pledges of Mr. Davies in respect to it. Having been brought to task for his conduct, he fell back upon the excuse that the preamble of the resolution to which he took exception was offensive to Mr. Davies. With the kindest disposition towards Mr. McKinnon's tender sensibilities in respect to Mr. Davies, THE EXAMINER promptly accepted his explanation and exhorted united action towards the railway. But it afterwards appeared that there was nothing whatever in Mr. McKinnon's contention. Here is the preamble and resolution to which Mr. McKinnon objected. We ask the public to peruse it once more and judge whether or not it is offensive to Mr. Davies:

"Whereas, the Government of Canada has contributed much larger sums of money towards railway construction in Canada than was contemplated and authorized when the Province of P. E. Island entered the Union in 1873;

"And Whereas, P. E. Island has not received any fair share of such large expenditure by the Government of Canada;

"And Whereas, the question of railway extension in P. E. Island was brought to the notice of the Dominion Government in 1895 and 1896, by representatives in the House of Commons and Senate of Canada from this Province, by a resolution of the Local Legislature of the Province, by memorials and petitions from the people, and by resolutions passed at meetings held at different sections of the Province;

"And Whereas, the Dominion Government, in response to those reasonable appeals from the people, consented to introduce into the House of Commons in 1896 a resolution providing for the construction of Branch Railways in P. E. Island, and otherwise committed itself to the railway extension then demanded;

Whereas, The Hon. L. H. Davies, now a member of the Dominion Cabinet holding the portfolio of Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has pledged himself to proceed with the construction of the Belfast and Murray Harbor Railway if his party came into power—and that such pledges were given by the Hon. L. H. Davies at meetings held in different parts of P. E. Island in the election campaign of June, 1896,—

Therefore Resolved, that for the proper development of the resources of this Province, as well as for maintaining the pledged faith of Canada, it is imperatively necessary that immediate action be taken by the Government and Parliament of Canada at the coming session for the construction of the Belfast and Murray Harbor Railway, and that this meeting—and we feel convinced the people of the Island generally—will look with dismay, suspicion and distrust on any further delay in its construction.

Further, that the harmony and good will which should exist between this and other sections of the Dominion will be sensibly weakened if the Government and Parliament of Canada will proceed further with Railway expenditures in other parts of Canada, without first making provision for doing justice in this matter to P. E. Island.

There is not a line or a word in the above preamble to which any reasonable man, favorable to the railway, could take offense. Neither THE EXAMINER nor any other paper uttered a word in respect to Mr. McKinnon that could be construed as slanderous; and when Mr. McKinnon complained that a remark of one of our numerous correspondents reflected upon his personal character in some distant way, which was not seen by the editor and could never have been suspected by the ordinary reader, we expressed THE EXAMINER's regret that it had appeared. And now we are charged with slandering Mr. McKinnon! We challenge Mr. McKinnon to make good his accusation.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIO.

THERE has been a great demand in the past decade for illustrated magazines, and some excellent ones have been published. This indicates that there is a love of art and beauty inherent in the minds of Englishmen, Canadians and the enlightened people of the United States. To those who experience in their minds this love of the beautiful, the first issue of the "International Studio" will appeal very strongly. It is a magazine devoted especially to art. It was founded in London three years ago, and has become so eminently successful and far reaching in the work that its founder intended it to accomplish, that an American edition is now being published in New York. The principal writers on art in England, France Germany and Italy contribute to its pages, and the literary aspect of the magazine is scholarly and evidences a high standard of artistic taste and criticism. The typographical appearance of its pages is clear, well arranged and elegant, while the artistic excellence of the illustrations is so admirable that it is a delight to take up the magazine and look into it. The publication is not an expensive one, and its chief work probably will become that of cultivating in the masses a love and appreciation for the beautiful in nature and art, and by so doing will implant in them those capabilities of high and noble happiness that all growth in intellectual life carries with it. The number under review is the first of volume one and contains a very interesting article on the life and work of the artist M. L. Levy Dhurmer, and many excellent reproductions of his wonderful and beautiful dream paintings appear. There is a breezy letter from Japan, redolent with the flowery spirit of that beautiful land, and bright with the gleam of hanging lanterns under the shadowy trees in the dim evening twilight of quaint and leafy gardens. Generally the magazine gives much of the interesting art news of the previous month, and should be in the hands of all lovers of art. Accompanying the present number as supplements are an autolithograph entitled "The Forge," by the celebrated J. McNeill Whistler, and a colored plate after a pastel drawing, entitled "Mars," by L. Levy Dhurmer; but as these have not come to hand we cannot describe them.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Hamilton Times: England is the storehouse of the products of the world. Englishmen have on hand for sale the products of their own factories and the products of all other countries which export anything. Free trade with England is therefore an approximation to free trade with the world. When Canadians can buy from Britain free of duty, or at a low revenue duty, they need not care much about trade with other countries. England will sell them German sugar, Ceylon tea, American cotton, Brazilian coffee, Australian wool and French wine, just as readily as she will sell Scotch iron and Yorkshire cloth, and she will freely take Canadian products of all kinds in payment.

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And the young man, like Othello,
 Fell in love with this fair belle, oh!
 Oh, so graceful on the wheel!
 And this maiden in a spell, oh!
 Sat entranced upon a Yellow
 Fellow—on this steed of steel.

In the field the cattle bellow;
 Said the young man boldly, "Hello—
 What a night to ride the wheel."
 In the moonlight both looked yellow,
 She but rode a Yellow Fellow—
 That perfection of a wheel.

Said the saucy, saucy fellow:
 "I will kiss you, fairest belle oh!
 Oh, so graceful on the wheel."
 But the maiden's Yellow Fellow
 Left behind the saucy fellow
 On his ordinary wheel.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—We have had an unusually fine long winter for crossing at the Capes and the public has not had much cause for complaint even though raw and inexperienced (some of them wholly unsuitable) men were put on at the boats.

—Hon. Mr. Campbell quoted yesterday afternoon, and applied to the Provincial Government with effect:

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave,
 When first we practiced to deceive."
 These words are applicable to the Laurier Administration as well as that of Mr. Peters'.

The news of the *modus vivendi* licenses by the Laurier Administration is significant. After all the late government could not have been so very far wrong in respect to this matter. It is beginning to be felt that when the government is following in the footsteps of its predecessor it is safe!

—What can be done by economy is shown in the case of Newfoundland. Will the Government of Canada cut down expenses by reducing appropriations? The people were, before the election, induced to believe so. But the present year's expenditures are greater than ever before. We shall soon see what is to be done about next year.

—Professional men in the mother Country as well as here have been feeling the dint of hard times, apropos of which Tid Bits, of London says: "One evening last winter a certain young barrister—now a Welsh M. P.—went across the Inner Temple Library. He was surprised by the sudden appearance of his errand boy, who was looking very excited. 'If you please, sir,' the boy gasped, 'a gentleman is waiting for you at the chambers with a brief. He can't get out, sir; I've locked him in!'"

—Statistics show that the public indebtedness of the world is being increased rather than diminished. The total national debt for the world is now \$29,000,000,000. France has the distinction of leading the world in this regard with a debt of \$6,000,000,000, followed by Great Britain with \$3,300,000,000. The third on the list is Austria-Hungary with \$3,030,000,000, while Russia is fourth with \$2,875,000,000, and Italy fifth with \$2,530,000,000. Spain comes next with \$1,395,000,000, and the United States is seventh with \$995,141,952. Germany has a debt of only \$420,000,000.

—In an article in the Toronto Week in 1892, the Hon. J. W. Longley said: "Under a system of popular government it goes without the saying that frequent changes of administration are necessary to a healthy development of public affairs. Frequent changes of government are obviously as has been said, in the public interest. It is impossible for any body of men to be in power for a continuous period without getting lax in their ideas of public duty." And now the Nova Scotia Conservatives want Mr. Longley to apply his theory, just as we shall try to apply it in P. E. Island later in this year.

—The Montreal Witness is disgusted at Mr. Fielding's attitude on the coal question, as well as with that of his friends and former colleagues, the Liberal leaders of Nova Scotia. It says: "A meaner attitude could not be taken than that into which the beheaded Nova Scotia government proposes to lead that province. It there has been any province which has been steadily denouncing protection as a wrong and an oppression, and even a ground for secession, it is Nova Scotia. But the Nova Scotia government is willing to wreck the movement towards deliverance from this incubus for the sake of the interests of a small minority of her people." Yes, and Mr. Fielding is giving them the lead to doing it.

—Miss Hubert, of Cape Breton, is a lady at present in the capital to interview the members of the Government in regard to valuable property on the Island of Cape Breton, for the ownership of which she claims to have been unjustly robbed. Miss Hubert is described by the Free Press as a person of the highest social connections in the old country. She is a daughter of Captain Hubert, who fought with distinction under Admiral Lord Nelson, and later in life secured some of the most valuable property on Cape Breton Island, afterwards sold for a railway terminus. Her mother was the daughter of a duke. Miss Hubert claims that the property to which she was the just heir was disposed of by her half sister. She has fought the legal issue through to the highest court in the realm and she will endeavor to have the Governor General interest himself in her case.

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