

THE DAILY EXAMINER

APRIL 22, 1898.

THE PLEBISCITE BILL.

The caucus having put its foot down, the Government has been compelled to "go back on" the liquor dealers. Only one question is to be submitted in the Plebiscite. It seems a pity that Sir Louis Davies' letter to the Rev Mr. Kirby was written; for by it the divided counsels of the Liberals have been exposed. The Plebiscite Bill seems to be wanting in many respects, —and most of all in the lack of provision of any means for carrying into effect the expressed will of the people. (The Government would apparently like to see the Dominion Plebiscite as ineffective as the Peters' Plebiscite.

THE SUNDAY QUESTION.

An impression is abroad that the Legislature has authorized the running of street cars in Charlottetown on Sunday. This is erroneous. The Legislature has, on the contrary expressly forbidden the company to operate their cars on Sunday until after the question shall have been submitted to the people of Charlottetown by means of a plebiscite. This being so, there is no need to argue the question when other matters are absorbing attention or to denounce the Legislature as some good people are doing. The Legislature has kept faith with the defenders of Sunday observance.

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

Our tax-payers are still kept in the dark as to the state of the public finances at the end of last year. But they have received a faint morsel to gratify their appetite for information in the form of The Annual Report of the Trustees and Medical Superintendent of the Prince Edward Island Hospital for the Insane. This report does not show that the additional accommodation required by an increasing number of lunatics has been provided, as authorized by the Legislature two years ago. But it does offer for the consideration of the Legislature a practical and "radical" suggestion for the future curtailment of the generation of insane persons. It also supplies a pointer as to the milk supply. Dr. Blanchard says:—

"It has long ceased to be a question with me, whether it would not be more satisfactory, as well as more economical, for the institution to keep a herd of cows, and supply the milk required for use by the household. Fourteen gallons of milk are now consumed daily, and I am assured, by a competent authority, that twelve cows properly attended to, can be depended upon to supply this quantity year in and out. Let us see, then, what it will cost to feed a herd of this size, allowing each animal a liberal amount of fodder.

"One cow will consume during 280 days 2 1/2 tons of hay, at say \$8.00 per ton, and 50 bushels of roots (or their equivalent in other feed), at 9c. per bushel; in all \$22.50. The balance of the year she can be in pasture. Multiply \$22.50 by twelve and it will give \$270.00, the total cost of feeding a herd large enough to supply all the milk now used in the institution. We have sufficient land belonging to the hospital to afford pasturage for all the cows at present required.

"During the year just closed we paid in the vicinity of \$600 for milk—a sum sufficient to buy the herd of cows and feed them for one year. The expense of caring for them need be nil, as we have many patients able and willing to work about a stable, and our present pay roll need not be augmented one dollar."

The cost of the institution for maintenance was, in the past year, \$19,026.01, and the amount realized from fees and other sources was \$327.54,—making a net expenditure of \$18,698.47. The highest number of lunatic patients in attendance any time was 187, while the average attendance throughout the year was 181. Of those admitted, four were under 20 years of age; eight were between 20 and 30; ten between 30 and 40; ten between 40 and 50; six between 50 and 60; four between 60 and 70, and two between 70 and 80. Of the patients remaining in the Hospital forty-four have been residents less than a year, and the others for periods varying from one to thirty-nine years. The percentage of cures on the cases admitted during the past year is 21.4, and the death rate was about the average.

Dr. Blanchard again points out the real danger of fire arising from the use of kerosene oil as an illuminator in a building crowded by irresponsible people.

MONTEAL, April 20.—It is said that the Beaver Line Steamship Company, with whom the United States government was in communication for the purchase of their ships, received a request from the United States government to send the ships to Boston for inspection. A reply telegraphed back was very terse and to the point, saying the ships were ready for inspection and if the United States wanted them they could be purchased at Canadian prices. What the latest developments are is not yet transpired.

TROOPS AT THE CANARIES.

Victory For The Spanish Arms Prayed For.

LONDON, April 22.—News has just been received here from the Island of Grand Canary which says that up to April 12th 300 Spanish troops had arrived there and 2000 more were expected that day.

HAVANA, April 22.—At the services held in the Cathedral yesterday and today, prayers were offered for the victory of the Spanish arms and for the return of peace.

LONDON, April 22.—A Madrid despatch says it is still asserted that General Weyler is to have command of a Spanish army corps.

Spanish Minister's Leave-taking.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Spanish minister's request for his passport, sent immediately on the receipt of the ultimatum, was as follows:—

Mr. Secretary,—The resolution adopted by the congress of the United States of America, and approved today by the President, is of such a nature that my permanence in Washington becomes impossible, and obliges me to request you the delivery of my passports. The protection of the Spanish interests will be entrusted to the French ambassador and to the Austrian-Hungarian minister. On this occasion, very painful to me, I have the honor to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration."

The First Blood.

MONTEAL, April 21.—A serious quarrel took place last night at Montreal college between a United States student named Brower, hailing from Boston, and a Spanish student named Dumez. They started an argument as to the relative merits of war between the United States and Spain. Warm words led to blows, and finally both sought pocket knives. The United Stateser was the quicker, and in a twinkling the Spaniard was disabled with a knife wound in the left arm. It is understood the wound is not very serious, but the affair caused immense excitement throughout the college, and it is feared more encounters may ensue.

CUBAN INDEPENDENCE.

Said to Have Been Recognized at Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—During the five hours of discussion in the senate this yesterday of its recent action upon the Cuban resolutions, in the course of which several extended speeches were made by senators who voted against the conference report upon the resolution only one new point was developed. That was made by Mr. Foraker, of Ohio. In the course of a brief statement concerning the recognition of the Cuban republic's independence, he said: "I think quickly, speedily, possibly even now, on the very day when the ultimatum has been sent to Spain, pursuant to the resolutions that passed here, this government has practically recognized the republic of Cuba, and I think possibly it is true, we will all know by tomorrow, that the government is today being officially dealt with by the representatives of the government, as it should be."

This utterance, coming from a member of the foreign relations committee created a profound sensation among senators. Being pressed for the source of his information, Mr. Foraker replied that his information was positive, but not official.

May Bombard New York

BERLIN, April 21.—A naval expert, discussing the war situation, said: "There is a possibility, nay, a probability, of the arrival of a Spanish fleet off New York or some other northern harbor, or harbors, and thus a bombardment must be considered. These harbors have just enough fortifications to permit their bombardment, under the existing international code. But against ironclads the fortifications would be found to be entirely too weak. The guns of the ironclads could easily bombard these cities from a distance of ten miles, while their armor cannot be pierced unless they are within a mile, and then only when the shot strikes at a right-angle. The bombardment of New York would create a financial panic, which would react especially strong on Hamburg and Bremen. Hence we are vitally interested."

THE WEATHER.—Fresh westerly winds fair, not much change in temperature.

UNDER SEALED ORDERS.

Opinion as to the Departure of The Indefatigable.

HALIFAX, April 21.—A good deal of curiosity has been evinced concerning the departure of the Indefatigable under sealed orders. The orders had been cabled from Bermuda at noon by Admiral Sir John Fisher, and commanded him to leave as soon as possible. Accompanying the order to proceed to sea (nothing being said as to destination) were sealed orders, which Captain Primrose was instructed to open when clear of Halifax. The order to sail was a surprise equally as great as that which fell on this garrison when the Leinster regiment were ordered two weeks ago to proceed to Jamaica. Not even those in the most official circles expected it, and the man most surprised at all was Captain Primrose, who brought the Indefatigable here from Bermuda on Monday. It is believed that the ship goes to Barbadoes, where it is thought there is internal trouble. The West India regiment is there, but it is not known how this regiment would act in case of a local uprising. One of the Indefatigable's officers expressed the opinion that the destination was Jamaica, and that her mission was to assist in the patrol work which has been assigned as the task of the Leinsters. When the Indefatigable arrived it was the expectation that she would be engaged here for some months renewing the dockyard moorings. The warship has two 12-inch quick firing guns, six 4-pound quick firing guns, eight 6-pound quick firing guns, one 3-pound quick firing gun, and four 5-barrelled Nordenfeldt machine guns.

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 - Miss Alice Lillian Butcher
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 - 6. Character Song.....Selected Miss Edna Sinclair
 - 7. Vocal Solo.....Effects Miss Nora Waddell.
 - 8. Rainbow Dance with Electrical
- PART II.
- 1. Scene from Opera Robin Hood.....Prof. Vinnicombe.
 - 2. Violin Solo.....The Misses Earle and Messrs Moore and C. Earle.
 - 3. Comic Quartette—"Call John".....Miss Alice Lillian Butcher,
 - 4. Reading—"A Sisterly Scheme".....The Misses Murphy, Macsachern and Blake, Miss Carroll
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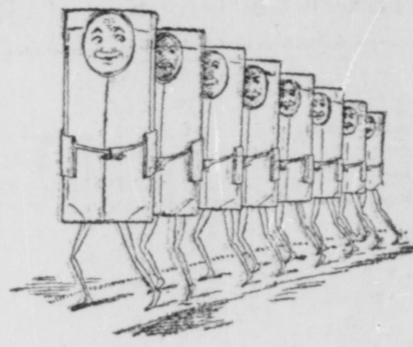
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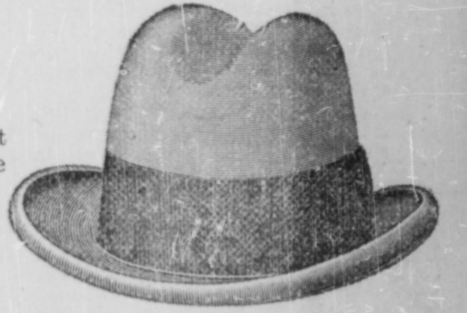
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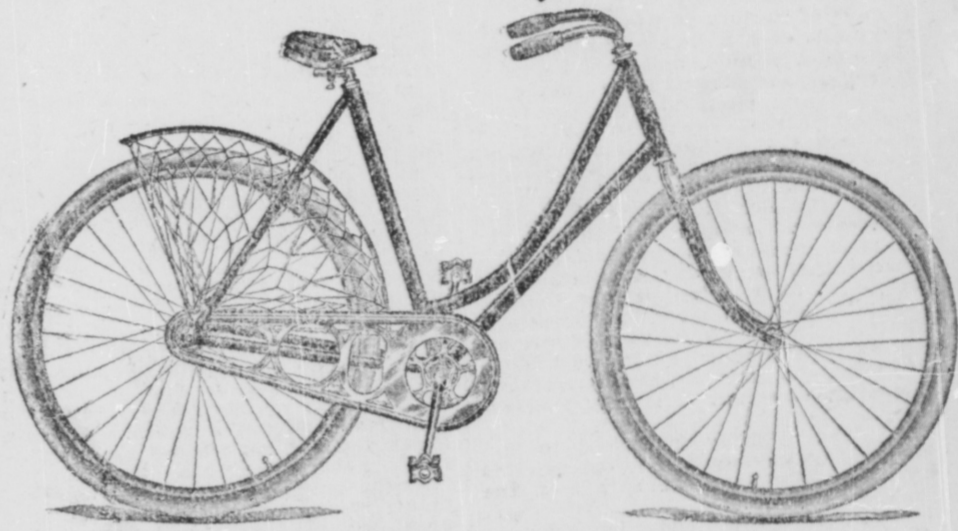
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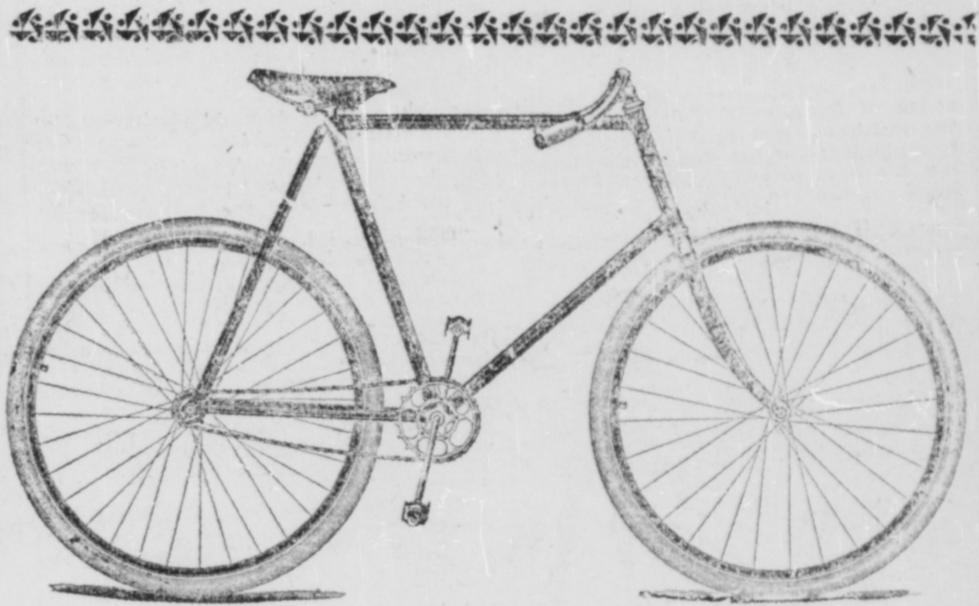


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