

The Daily Examiner

JANUARY 6, 1885.

Indecent, Indeed.

For those who without a scintilla of proof, without even making the first enquiry into the facts of the case, charged the Post Office clerks with the grave double offence of partisanship in office and breaking open a letter, to prate about "indecent" is just what might be expected. We are not at all surprised at the last editorial in the Patriot; for there is not on record, a more striking example of indecent haste and recklessness, than that afforded by the Patriot with respect to the Cartwright-Davies letter.

According to the Patriot, the indecency of THE EXAMINER consists in belittling the offence of a clerk breaking open a letter in the post. To this we plead not guilty. THE EXAMINER is, indeed, quite as anxious as the Patriot that the matter should be thoroughly investigated, and the offender—if there be an offender—discovered and punished; and there is nothing, whatever, inconsistent with this in our former comments.

But now that our people have been informed that the letter was about political matters of great importance to the public, we feel a keen desire to know the whole story; and the reasons which caused the Patriot to volunteer so much interesting information should, we submit, be sufficient to move it to give us all that there is. Why not publish the letter? If the fact that the envelope was torn was a good reason for telling us that it was marked "private," that it was from Sir Richard Cartwright, that it "actually" was about political matters of great importance, the same fact is a good reason why we should be permitted to see the letter itself.

Consequent upon the announcements which have been made by the Patriot, the air is full of rumors, speculations and suspicions; and we really think the editor of the Patriot and Mr. Davies would consult their own best interests as politicians if they settled the matter by publishing the letter. They would, we presume, have to obtain leave to do so from Sir Richard, but that can be done by means of the telegraph, and there need be no delay. If they fail to publish the letter we can tell them this: the failure to do so will be taken as prima facie evidence that the letter contained propositions inimical to the country and calculated to alarm the people—secrets which the author and his friends are ashamed and afraid to publish to the world—perhaps treason.

The New First-Class Hotel.

It is earnestly hoped that a sufficient number of shares in the proposed Hotel Company will be subscribed before many days, so that the preliminary steps may be taken at once with a view to having the building erected next summer; and we understand that those who have the matter in hand will make a final effort this week. To make the city attractive to outsiders, and to encourage the increase of our local industries, should be the chief objects of all who have an interest in seeing Charlottetown grow and prosper; and it will be too bad if, for want of prompt action now, another year shall pass away without a beginning being made to provide the city with the great attraction of a first-class Hotel.

News from Egypt.

CAIRO advices of the 1st inst., state that Gen. Wolsley has received a small piece of paper with General Gordon's genuine seal on the back, dated December 15, saying that Khartoum is all right. A despatch had been received from the Mudir, stating that an Arab from the Mahdi's camp had reached Dongola. He affirms that the Mahdi's followers are gathering in force twelve hours' march south of Omderman. They have repeatedly attacked Omderman, but have been repulsed with heavy loss and compelled to retreat. General Gordon, upon learning that Bedouin Arabs came to the wells during the night, sent armed boats to guard the wells and prevent access thereto, thereby causing great suffering among the rebels, many of whom died from small-pox and dysentery. The Mahdi therefore withdrew his army to Jabbara, two days from Omderman. Several tribes subsequently deserted. The Mahdi then told the principal chiefs that he intended to march against the Mudir of Dongola; the chiefs professed readiness to follow if the Mahdi would charm off the bullets of the enemy by leading instead of following his troops. Next day the Mahdi told the chiefs he had seen in a dream that the Mudir was a saint, against whom it was useless to fight. These statements caused great alarm. Gen. Gordon's note was rolled up to the size of a pea and sewed in the seam of the messenger's garment. Gordon estimates the Mahdi's force from 2,000 to 8,000. Gordon spends the night in ceaseless watch, visiting the outposts to see that every sentry is on the alert. He has two palaces, with guns mounted on each. He always examines the guns at day-break to assure himself that they are properly primed and ready for action, then lies down and sleeps the greater part of the day. Gordon is described as cheerful. Five boats of the Black Watch contingent have arrived at Korti. At Cairo there is great rejoicing over the good tidings.

Editorial Notes.

—Sir Richard Cartwright's damaging speech is being quoted in Ireland against Canada. The Freeman's Journal, in its comments in the speech says: "Canada was one of the cheapest—is now one of the dearest countries to live in."

—We learn that after making a thorough examination into the matter of the torn envelope, Mr. Brecken has forwarded the evidence and a full statement of the case to Ottawa. By the way, is it not somewhat strange that the Patriot has not made some direct reference to the investigation in which, by the courtesy of the Inspector, Mr. Davies was, himself, permitted to play a prominent part? Having thoughtlessly and recklessly attacked the Post Office clerks in a way calculated to affect their material interests, the Patriot is silent concerning the evidence which tends to show that the clerks here are entirely innocent of the offence charged. This may be called Patriotic fairplay.

Examination of West Royalty School.

The examination of the above school took place on Wednesday, the 31st ult., in the presence of a number of parents and visitors. The children were examined in nearly all the branches taught, and the manner in which they acquitted themselves was highly satisfactory, and reflected much credit on the teacher. After the examination, the three prizes, so kindly presented by the Hon. D. Ferguson, were awarded to the following:—

- Sarah Essery, proficiency in Reading. Ewen Cameron, proficiency in English Grammar. Cyrus Mellett, proficiency in Arithmetic. Prizes to be competed for at the June examination, are offered by Messrs. John Cameron, James Dixon and Richard Burke. The following are the names of the pupils who rank highest in Grade Sixth: Arithmetic—1st, Cyrus Mellett; 2nd, Bridget Pembroke; 3rd, Daniel Chowen. Reading—1st, Sarah Essery; 2nd, Emily Dixon; 3rd, Ewen Cameron. Grammar—1st, Ewen Cameron; 2nd, Sarah Essery; 3rd, Martha Chowen. History—1st, Sarah Essery; 2nd, Ewen Cameron; 3rd, Rowan Binns. Writing—1st, Stephen Pembroke; 2nd, Bridget Pembroke; 3rd, Cyrus Mellett. Dictation—1st, Sarah Essery; 2nd, Martha Chowen; 3rd, Emily Dixon. Recitations—1st, Sarah Essery; 2nd, Sophia Essery; 3rd, Mary McKinnon.

Wreck of the Edith Carmichael.

(From the Melbourne Argus, Sept. 11, 1884.) We have received the following additional particulars from our correspondent at Thursday Island:—

"The captain and crew of the bark Edith Carmichael, 900 tons, of Nova Scotia, arrived here on the 31st August, having been eleven days and nights in boats. The vessel was lost on the Eastern Fields, 300 miles eastward from here, on the night of the 20th. The crew left in two boats, and made the New Guinea coast on the 23rd. A heavy surf prevented them from landing, and they steered for Bramble Bay, but a strong sea and currents set down the Gulf of Papua, off the Fly River. The mate's boat, containing five hands, all the clothes of the party, and a quantity of provisions, capsized in a heavy sea. The captain's boat succeeded in rescuing the men, and eventually they made Goodie Island signal station. The crew suffered much from the want of water and provisions, and they arrived covered with sores, one man being very ill. They lost all their clothing, the ship's papers, in fact everything.

A Battle Imminent in the Soudan.

After many months of shuffling and the cabinet policy of submission to everybody, the English spirit is undoubtedly cheered by the fact that the new year opens in the Soudan with the prospect of almost immediate fighting. A despatch to the New York Times of the 4th inst. says: "Wolsley's plan of splitting his force was not unexpected, and yet his boldness rather frightens public opinion, and were it not that the fantastic and bizarre character of the whole Soudan episode prepared the people for any and all incredible things, there would probably be grave dissent from the wisdom of his course. Gen. Earle is expected to be able to handle the Monassirs, who are near Hamdad, but later he is quite likely to encounter Osman Digna or some other rebel leader and get into trouble. More interest, however, attaches to the camel corps, which is now well on its way across the desert to Shendi. The fact that communication is broken makes the anxiety intense, as within a day or two the corps may be attacked. The force is only one-half the size of that which Gen. Graham had when he whipped Osman last March—while the Mahdi has many times Osman's strength. The battle then was fierce and for a time the issue doubtful. And it is feared now that the unwieldy and novel camp equipment will so handicap the British that a sudden and terrific assault on both sides of the square in true Soudanese style will be fatal. The whole nation will be in a condition of intense strain until news comes of the safe arrival of the advance guard at Metameh and Shendi.

Our Advertisers.

Henry Boyver advertises sale of farm stock, implements, etc., to take place at Johnson's River at eleven o'clock to-morrow. W. & A. Brown & Co. request an early settlement of all outstanding debts. A. McNeill sells apples, tea, etc., at his auction room on Thursday next. Dr. Carver, the marksman, broke a quarter ton of coal, piece by piece, at New Haven, Conn., on the 2nd inst., shot six hundred and thirty shots in thirty-three minutes. It was practice shooting preparatory to an attempt to break 60,000 glasses in six days at the Lincoln Skating Rink, in that city, next week.

English and European Politics.

AS SEEN BY THE SPIRIT OF THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN PRESS.

New Years editions of Paris papers generally found little in the old year worthy of praise. The Republique Francaise says: "1884 leaves to 1885 the heritage of a situation not free from complications and dangers. Peace in Europe itself seems assured, but Germany has taken the initiative in a colonial policy that will mark a new era in the relations of European states. It is not now a moment for France to abandon a policy that her government inaugurated at an opportune moment, and which promises the re-establishment of our colonial empire, so sadly impaired by faults of former cabinets. It is impossible that 1885 shall draw to an end without Egypt ceasing to complicate, falsify and embitter every reference of opinion that can form a subject for European diplomacy."

Le Paris says: "1884 has been a year of glory for the French army and navy, and Tonquin, Foochow and Formosa are ports of departure of a new era in colonial events of 1884, which will cause an abatement of the pretensions of England and the revenge of France. 1884 is a grand step towards the realization of the excellent maxim, 'Elargi s'z la Patrie!'"

The New York Herald's Berlin despatch says: "It is certain that the Egyptian question will be settled by a European conference. France and Germany have adhered to this plan. One object of the recent journey of Baron de Courcel to Berlin was to arrive at a complete understanding about the matter. The subject was reverted to at the meeting of the emperors at Skiernewice. Now that West African difficulties are in a fair way of peaceful settlement, England's isolation is manifest. Egypt will crop up again at any moment."

The New York Sun's despatch says the last political news of the work is the announcement by a subordinate member of the ministry that they intend to renew the crimes act in Ireland in view of the complexity of the redistribution bill, and of a certainty there will be force and frequent renewed attacks on the foreign policy of the government. Parnellites look forward to being able to make this task particularly difficult and there is talk of the ministry dropping a considerable portion of the present act and being satisfied with a few of its leading provisions.

The New York Times' cable gossip says the pressure inside the Liberal party to force Granville and Derby out of office is growing daily in strength and finds increasingly frank expressions in Liberal papers. Dilke and Roseberry are favorites with the public for their places. It is said that the disgust inside the cabinet on the part of younger men at the weak foreign policy of the ministry has been prevented from breaking out and a disruption prevented only by the supreme personal influence of Mr. Gladstone, and that even this cannot withstand the strain much longer. The Queen's strange and marked failure to congratulate Gladstone on his birthday is said by people who ought to know to have been the expression of her anger at the humiliating part which Great Britain is playing in foreign affairs. Goshen has formally left both the Reform club and the Devonshire club and is half expected to turn up on the Tory benches next month. For the same reason rumors credits other Whigs almost as famous and powerful with the same intention and the feeling is general that unless changes are made before this happens there will be either an overthrow or collapse of the ministry in the first weeks of the session. The Irish Nationalists are preparing for the next campaign with great activity and fervor and are much pleased with the tone of constituents, especially in Ulster, where they are making arrangements to elect Tories wherever they themselves have no chance. Persistent rumors of Spencer's retirement continue. They are regarded as evidence that Liberals are trying to enter into a compact with Parnellites by dangling this bribe with one hand while threatening a renewal of coercion with the other.

There is apparently small chance of such alliance. Nationalist papers are paying much attention to depression in the linen industry and to live schemes for its revival which have had a good effect in B-Hast. The New York Tribune's despatch says: "There is reason to fear that Gladstone's illness is more serious than the published accounts admit. His friends have known for some days that he was seriously indisposed, and have doubted the prudence of his journey to London, which Gladstone deemed imperative. Sir Andrew Clarke—whose bulletins are always cautious—admits that he is suffering from sleeplessness, always a grave sign with him, considers the illness identical with that of two years ago, insists upon repose, and already talks of a trip to the south of Europe."

The City Collector has extended the time for applying for judgments against all defaulting taxpayers until the 6th day of January, inst., in order to give those interested a chance to save costs and Sheriff's fees. After that date executions will positively be issued. Jan 31

AUCTION SALE.

BY Auction, Thursday, January 8th, at 11 o'clock, at my Auction Room— 25 barrels Apples, 5 boxes Peas, 20 lbs. Molasses (choice), 7 Cheeses, 500 boxes Digby Herring 5-leigh Robes (new), Sleighs, Harness, &c., 3 crates, 1 brl. Crockeryware, 10 half-chests Tea (choice), 5 brls. Onions, &c.— To close consignments. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Ch'town, Jan 6, 1885—21

Farm Stock, Implements, &c.

THE undersigned will sell at Public Auction at the residence of Patrick Trainor, Johnson's River, Lot 35, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th JANUARY, 1885, at 11 o'clock, a.m.:— 2 Mares, 9 years old, 1 Mare, 3 years old, 1 Filly, 2 years old, 1 Colt, 5 Cows, 3 Heifers, 20 Sheep, 3 Wood Sleighs, 2 Carts, 2 Wagons (1 express and 1 light driving), 1 Threshing Mill and Fanners, and other articles too numerous to mention. Should the day be unfavorable the sale will be postponed till the next day sale. Terms made known in the day of sale. HENRY BOYVER, Auctioneer. Johnson's River, Dec. 29, 1884—Jan 6

THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

Assets, 1st Jan., 1884 - \$31,794,746.80 Assets in Canada - 759,201.72

Risks taken in the city and country. Rates Moderate.

LEONARD MORRIS, R. R. FITZGERALD, Agent, Summerside. Ch'town, Jan. 5, 1885—Two

1884. 1885. XMAS & NEW YEARS

DODD & ROGERS are showing a fine assortment of Xmas and New Year's Presents, consisting of Tete-a-Tete Sets, Tea Pots, &c., in Decorated Agate Ware. Butter Dishes, Water Kettles, Tea and Coffee Pots, Cruits, Baking Dishes, &c., in Granite-ware with Silver-plated Mountings. Cruits, Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Mugs, Spoon-holders, Tea Sets, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c., &c., in Rogers' Al Plated Ware.

—ALSO— A Fine Assortment of Lamps, Brass and Copper Hot Water Kettles (with and without stands), All of which will be sold at Special discount during XMAS and NEW YEARS. DODD & ROGERS. Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1884—cod tf

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All our Large Stock of FUR AND CLOTH CAPS, WINTER UNDERCLOTHING, KID AND BUCKSKIN HATS, KID AND BUCKSKIN GLOVES, HEAVY TOP SHIRTS, FLANNEL SHIRTINGS, ULSTERS, OVERCOATS & REEFERS.

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Be Convinced that we Mean What we Say.

D. A. BRUCE, MERCHANT TAILOR. Charlottetown, Dec. 19, 1884.

SURPLUS BAND INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE.

A SET of Brass Band Instruments, consisting as follows, viz.: One B Flat Baritone Brass, Piston Valve, One E Flat Pocket Cornet, Silver Plated, Piston Valve, Four B Flat Brass Cornets, Rotary Side Action, Two E Flat Altoes, Brass, Rotary Top Action, One B Flat Baritone, do do do One E Flat Irregular Bass do do do One pair Cymbals, Turkish. The above Instruments can be seen by applying to Mr. Galbraith in this city. HENRY BEER, Lt. Col. & Pres. Band Committee. Ch'town, Dec. 11, 1884—cod wklv 21

COAL BY TELEPHONE.

THE Subscriber, having appointed Messrs. DesBriay & Angus his up-town Agents for the sale of his Coal, of which he has a large and varied assortment, wishes to announce to the public that any orders left with them will receive prompt attention. His office has communication to different parts of city by telephone. R. McMILLAN, Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1884—cod wklv fm

OUR NEW STORE

Will not be ready till FEBRUARY, 1885, we will therefore show the Large and Newly Selected Stock We imported for the new place at our present stand—next to Watson's Drug Store. The design and finish of our Silver and Plated Goods is superior to last year. A Lot of Gold JEWELRY and WATCHES, elegantly cased, for presentation. E. W. TAYLOR, Queen Street. Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1884.

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

NOTICE. COMMENCING on MONDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, inst., a Special Passenger Train will, until further notice, leave Georgetown for Charlottetown, every evening (Sundays excepted) on arrival of Northern Light from Pictou; returning, will leave here for Georgetown at 9.15 p. m., except on Saturday evening when Train will not return. Train will leave here for Georgetown at 3 o'clock on Monday mornings. JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1884. daily papers only

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

IN consequence of goods being held at Pictou Landing, for expenses, Prince Edward Island importers will please send to Messrs. Noonan and Davis, of Pictou, N. S., the following order and guarantee:— "You will please ship per Northern Light any goods at Pictou or Lictou Landing, consigned to us, we holding ourselves accountable to you for all charges thereon, steamer lost or not lost. (Sd) ARTEMAS LOED, Agent Marine Department. Agency Marine Dept., Jan. 5, 1885. 3i wklv 11 her 21

PIANO TUNING.

THE Subscriber begs to state that he will Tune, Regulate, Re-wire, &c., all Pianos with which he may be favored. Address may be left at the store of Miller Bros., Queen Street, or at his own residence, north side King Square. D. M. REID. Ch'town, Jan. 5, 1885—191

VOICE TRAINING.

MR. REID wishes four additional pupils to complete his class in the mechanical formation of the voice. Persons desirous of obtaining a knowledge of the correct method of singing would do well to call at once. Ch'town, Jan. 5, 1885—6i wklv

AUCTION SALE

BANKRUPT STOCK.

I AM instructed by Mr. Rankin to sell by Public Auction, commencing on Wednesday, the 7th Jan. inst. A. D., 1885.

At the hour of TWO o'clock in the afternoon, and continuing from day to day, at the store recently occupied by Messrs. Bremner Bros., Queen Street, all their stock in trade, consisting in part of Books, including Bibles and Church Services, Bazaar Books and works of standard and other authors, large lot of Letter, Note and Flat Paper, Envelopes, Ink, Mucilage, Pens, Pencils and a general assortment of such articles as are usually sold in a stationery store; a well-assorted Case of Artist materials, lot of Show cases and Shop Furniture, a first-class Iron safe with combination lock, &c., &c. This sale offers a good chance to country and other dealers to obtain their supplies of stationery, &c. B. WILSON HIGGS, Auctioneer. Ch'town, Jan. 2, 1884.

International and Colonial Exhibitions

ANTWERP IN 1885—LONDON IN 1886. It is the intention to have a Canadian representation at the INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION at Antwerp, commencing in May, 1885, and also at the CENTRAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION in London in 1886. The Government will defray the cost of freight in conveying Canadian Exhibits to Antwerp, and from Antwerp to London, and also of returning them to Canada in the event of their not being sold. All Exhibits for Antwerp should be ready for shipment not later than the first week in March next. These Exhibitions, it is believed, will afford a favorable opportunity for making known the natural capabilities, and manufacturing and industrial progress of the Dominion. Circulars and forms containing more particular information may be obtained by letter (post fee) addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. By order, JOHN LOWE, Secy, Dept. of Agric. Ottawa, Dec. 11, 1884. Jan 6 wklv

Crockeryware, Glassware, &c., IN VARIETY.

IN addition to my own stock of goods, I have just received a large and varied assortment, consisting of Dinner Ware, Tea Sets, in white and gold, and printed; Tea and Breakfast Cups, in china and printed ware; Rockingham Tea and Coffee Pots; Bedroom Sets, in white and gold, and granite ware; Dessert Sets, in French china and gold, enameled and printed; Epergnes, Card Jugs, Cut Tumblers, Cut Salts, Custard Cups, J-H Glass and other elegant Table Ware in great variety. Also: An assortment of Table, Library and Study Lamps, in brass and nickel silver, Lamp Fixing, and Lamp Chimneys of many kinds, all of which is offered at the Lowest Prices. J. B. POLLARD, Kent Street. Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1884—121 sa-tu

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

HOUSE TO LET.—The subscriber will let the comfortable house, now occupied by him, known as "Birnie Cottage." Possession 1st of May, or earlier, as may be agreed upon. —J. MacEachern. Jan 6—31

Apply by letter to "The Examiner" office. Apply to R. R. Fitzgerald. nov 26