

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 22, 1892.

The Palmer-Howland Embroglio.

THE EXAMINER did not hasten to publish the "interview" with Mr. Palmer, C. E., injurious to Senator Howland, and Senator Howland has not (as he promised to do) sent THE EXAMINER his reply. We are, therefore, in no way involved in the quarrel between these two men. From the first we deprecated a newspaper discussion of the points involved, (1) because it could lead to no satisfactory conclusion, and (2) because it would tend to delay the important public work over which it has occurred. These reasons still hold good. Senator Howland has denied the statements of Mr. Palmer; Mr. Palmer will, probably, contradict the allegations of Senator Howland; and the public, being unable to see the original documents, will be as powerless to decide between the contestants as it is powerless to enforce—by its newspapers—that which justice in the case requires.

In a general and indefinite way, the public can easily see that both parties are—as in most of the disputes—greatly at fault. Senator Howland ought not to be mixed up in the affairs of a public contractor at a time when it is particularly important that all our members of parliament should be beyond and above the suspicion of corrupt motives or acts. No public contractor should be in a position to declare with even the semblance of a ground for his statement that a Senator of Canada was peculiarly interested with him. However unselfish and patriotic he may be, it is most unfortunate that Senator Howland received the amount of a Government cheque for \$4,000, endorsed by Mr. Palmer, a public contractor, or did anything whatever tending to raise even the ghost of a suspicion that his motives in the promotion of the tunnel scheme were not altogether pure and honorable. On the other hand, Mr. Palmer entered into a contract for difficult and uncommon work, knowing that he had little, if any, means of performing it. Coming here—as was supposed—under the patronage of Sir Douglas Fox, everyone was in his favor;—and in a few short months he completely alienated the kindly regard of Senator Howland; Mr. Hendry, the Government engineer; Mr. Bain, the geologist; and Mr. Kelly, in charge of the bill. He failed to fulfil his contract—his failure being due, as the Government engineer plainly intimates, to his own neglect.

The embroglio is the more to be regretted from the fact that the proposed tunnel is just now one of the Government enterprises attacked by the Toronto Mail, the Montreal Witness and other organs of public opinion in Ontario and Quebec. Senator Howland, as its chief promoter and defender, ought, therefore, to be in a position to speak in its favor and to refute the misrepresentations which are being made to the people of the larger Provinces, free from prejudice or suspicion. The result of the borings, so far as they have been made, is, however, eminently favorable.

Children's Christmas Tea.

The committee for the Children's Christmas Tea met to-day, and it was decided that—

- 1. There should be sixteen tables, two being appropriated to each member of the committee.
2. The plan is that each table shall be looked after by four ladies (twenty-four children being seated at each table) the knives and forks necessary being supplied by two of these ladies, one dozen each to prevent confusion.
3. Mr. W. F. Carter will receive all supplies, cold meat, cakes, sandwiches, tea, coffee, sugar, apples and candies, which will all be placed on the tables by him.
4. Money contributions will be received by any member of the Committee.
5. It was further decided that the merchants should be waited upon personally, as far as possible, and through the members of the Committee, and donations solicited from private individuals. Clothing of any kind will be received.
6. That the spare room at Mr. Carter's shop will be used as a general store room, where all provisions and articles will be received.

- A. A. MACDONALD, JAMES SIMPSON, J. A. GORDON, W. HATHLYN, DAVID SUMTERLAND, W. F. CARTER, W. W. BREWER, R. R. FITZGERALD, G. C. PALMER, W. C. MATHEWS.

SUMMERSIDE HARBOR CLOSED.—Navigation is practically over for the season, at Summerside. To-day, telephonic advice from that town are to the effect that no open water can be seen from the wharf. The Northumberland made her last trip for the season between Summerside and Point du Chene last evening. After landing mails and passengers at Summerside the steamer proceeded to Charlottetown where she will lay up for the season. There is considerable lolly in Charlottetown harbor.

GOVERNMENT FUND.—A large quantity of water was turned on from the hydrant yesterday afternoon, but the result was not as satisfactory as expected, there being too much snow on the ice to admit of the formation of a smooth skating surface. It is understood that if the boys sweep off this snow, the water will be turned on again.

STEALING HAY.—Two young men, charged with stealing hay from the premises of Fredk. Burke, East Royalty, will be arraigned before H. V. Palmer, J. P., to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Girls' School Entertainment.

We must depart from the ordinary style of description in writing of the entertainment given by the pupils of Miss Russell's Girls' School last night in McLeod's Hall. The entertainment differed from the usual run of winter concerts, "Les Cuisinieres" containing a French play, "Les Cuisinieres" and the cantata, "The Garden of Singing Flowers." To these two original features were added instrumental solos by Miss Winnie Jenkins, Miss Heywood and Miss Vere Hyndman, and an instrumental duet by Mr. Earle and Miss Katie McLean; vocal solos by Mrs. Norton and Miss Hyndman, and a cornet solo by Mr. Fletcher. These numbers were well rendered. But the enjoyment of many persons in the audience was impaired by the thoughtless and ill-mannered chattering of some persons in one corner of the room. Ladies or gentlemen who are so unfortunate as to have no love or appreciation of beautiful music, should respect the feelings of those who are musical, and show some sympathy with young and nervous performers.

The French play was something quite new. Of course it is not to be expected, nor can we truthfully say that it was perfectly done by the girls who personated the different characters. So far as volubility is concerned, most of the performers were up to the mark. In the matter of gesticulation, there might have been a little more French emphasis. The gentle Madame Beloiseau never allowed her temper to make her accompany her frequent "taisez vous" with a stamp of the foot. But the play was kept up with spirit. Occasionally one of the voices would become low. At such times the people in the rear of the hall would seize their opportunity and fill the room with talk. The play was applauded at the finish. It was plain to be seen that good progress had been made by the pupils during the term. The characters were taken by the following young ladies:

- FRENCH PLAY.—LES CUISINIÈRES. Madame Beloiseau..... Miss May Utterworth Francoise (cook)..... Miss Amy Earle Ernestine (lady's maid)..... Miss Annie Earle Heloise (milliner)..... Miss Maggie Irwin Virginia..... Miss Winnie Cutler Hill Marie..... Miss E. Moore La Mere Grobec (Francoise's mother)..... Miss A. Hyndman The cantata, "The Garden of Singing Flowers," made the second part of the programme. This was a unique production and most charmingly carried out. A screen painted to represent a country house, situated in the midst of ample lawn, was dropped in front of the stage. In the foreground of the scene was taken a number of flowers. The parts were taken by the following:

- The Rose..... Miss Amy Earle The lily..... Miss Annie Earle Daisy..... Miss Maggie Irwin Buttercup..... Miss Annie Earle Lily..... Miss Annie Earle Tulip..... Miss Annie Earle Pansy..... Miss Annie Earle Gardener..... Mr. W. Earle Mr. Jack Lewis in the role of Mr. Jack Lewis The gardener appeared in front of the stage and in a very good song introduced his calling and the character of the flowers he tended. Then one by one, as the cantata proceeded, the centres of the flowers were occupied by the face of the performer who treated the hearers to a number of pretty solos, duets and choruses. There was plenty of humor in this part of the entertainment, which was so interesting that it was listened to without interruption, except when the Parsy declared in a most determined tone that "if he had a girl he'd make her an Earle," a declaration that was received with laughter by the audience. "God Save the Queen" brought the entertainment to a close. It is needless to say anything about the excellence of the School after the entertainment of last night. When it is possible for young pupils to get up such a novel and delightful affair as that which crowded McLeod's Hall last night, it is not possible to tell what they may do as they grow older. Of course the credit of the training of the pupils belongs to Miss Russell, Frisian Lawler and Mr. Earle. All worked hard to make the performance a success—and succeeded.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Disgraceful Conduct. SIR,—The noise and want of decorum at the concert last night was disgraceful, and reflect but little credit on the "noisy crew." The people who were present were there as the invited guests of Miss Russell, and in justice to her, as well as to the respectable people who accepted her invitation, all should have behaved as ladies and gentlemen.

ORDER. The C. J. C. SIR,—I have reason for believing that the city recently formed here and known as the C. J. C. is nothing more or less than a branch of the one recently started in London, Ont., for the purpose of keeping all Catholics out of office. If my information is correct, the membership is small, and I trust it will remain so. I have always been a strong Protestant, but it is enough to shake one's faith to find that their creed is capable of containing men with such intolerance and bigotry in their hearts. That the C. J. C. should be allowed to gain a footing here is to be regretted by all fair minded men, and it is to be hoped that it may soon find itself relegated to the obscurity and ignorance from which it emanated.

CITIZEN. SALVAGE CORPS meets to-morrow night. THERMOMETER READINGS.—During last night the lowest recorded was three above zero; this afternoon, at one o'clock, six above was marked.

WAS—What would please the wife better than a new clothes wringer or a set of Mrs. Potts' sad irons. See prices at W E Dawson's.

DIGGING FOR AUSTRALIA.—A Southampton, N. S., correspondent of the Amherst Sentinel says: Mr Patterson has not struck water in Carson Atkinson's well yet. Some weeks ago he had reached a depth of 100 feet, but he has got so now he doesn't measure any more. It is probable that in this Columbian year this gentleman will distinguish himself by discovering a short road to Australia.—News.

MRS. POTTS' sad irons, \$1 a set. at W E Dawson's.

Stanley Bros' store will be open on Friday and Saturday nights.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. Coming Back to Canada. MONTREAL, Dec. 22. Repatriement from the United States continues to be going on briskly since the beginning of the fall. The following are the numbers of families arriving in this district:—September, 43; October, 49; November, 55; December, so far, 15. Total, 161 families, comprising nearly 1,000 souls.

Fatal and Disastrous Fire. BOSTON, Dec. 22. The car's cables of the West End Street Railway, at Everett, were burned last night. Loss \$124,000. Two bodies were taken from the ruins, one so badly disfigured that it could not be identified. The other is supposed to be a motor man. Four of the other employes are missing and may be in the ruins.

The Strike at Springhill. SPRINGHILL MINES, D. C. 22. The strike here continues. Members of the local lodge have decided to take no official steps until a grand council of the Provincial Workmen's Association is heard from.

The French Crisis. PARIS, Dec. 22. In the Senate yesterday a special committee, chosen by the standing committee, reported in favor of authorizing the Procurator General to proceed against Senators Renault, Albert Grevy and Beral.

Local Notices. Knit gloves with gussets, embroidery scarfs, turcopees and many other useful presents cheap at James Paton & Co's.

The largest and best assortment of dolls in the city very cheap at Lewis'. HAVE A LOOK THROUGH PROWSE BROS. Clothing Rooms for Xmas boxes for your friends. Boys' shirts and collars at 23c.

Ladies' and gents' lined kid gloves, cheap at James Paton & Co's. J. Baxter, M. D., Chatham, N. B., says of Malto Peptonized Porter: "I have given your Malto Peptonized Porter a good trial and find it the best nutritious stimulant I ever used."

Ladies and gentlemen's silk handkerchiefs at 33c per pair, discount. Gents' kid gloves \$2.00 per pair, now \$1.00; also cheaper grades. Black and colored suede gloves \$1.40 and \$1.20 per pair, now \$1 and 80c. A good time to get Xmas presents cheap.—Paton Bros. dec-22

A large and elegant stock of plush and leather goods comprising dressing cases, jewel boxes, odor cases, work boxes, etc., will be sold during the holiday season at half price at Lewis'. The only closing sale in town continues at Connolly Bros' to-night. No reserve prices. From 10 to 25 per cent discount on all fur caps at D A Bruce's. dec-21

G. G. DeNyer, M. D., P. E. Island, says of Peptonized Porter: "I take pleasure in recommending the above named preparation. After a trial of the same I consider it a valuable remedy in dyspepsia surpassing many others of considerable repute."

Some lines of elegant goods will be sold to-night by E H Norton at the big auction. The best goods and the best bargain of the whole sale will be at Connolly Bros' auction to clear out their store this week.

Fur Goods.—The balance of our fur collars, fur caps, muffs and coats at greatly reduced prices.—James Paton & Co, 168 Victoria Row. dec-21

Headquarters for silk handkerchiefs, in plain hemstitched, brocaded, white, colored, etc; large variety and prices very low.—Jas Paton & Co, Scotch Store, 168 Victoria Row. dec-21

The closing out sale of ladies' dress goods, mantles, trimmings, ribbons, &c, at J B Macdonald's. The goods are being cleared out rapidly. You cannot help buying at the prices. dec-21 6t d r

Where did you get the goods? Are they bankrupt stock? Or did you steal them? These are some of the questions asked when we show the cloth we put in our 10 dollar overcoats. Any person who sees the cloth and wants a cheap overcoat, buys every time. We have had such a run on them that we had to repeat our order for the cloth.—John McLeod & Co.

I. W. N. Baker, M. D., Bristol, says of Malto Peptonized Porter: "Having occasion to test your porter and extract of malt and taraxacum I can highly recommend it, supplying a long felt want to the medical profession, as it combines the fat-producing qualities of malt with the alternative principles of taraxacum and from its composition will easily be retained by the most delicate stomach and consequently prove invaluable in protracted convalescence and all wasting diseases." Ask your druggists for it. dec-22 4t

THE COUPON MATTER.—The Halifax Herald of the 21st says: The Home Supply cases were resumed before Judge Motton in the city court yesterday afternoon and the cross examination of Edgar S. Reed proceeded with. Being shown a certificate of membership, he said all was true in that document. The association was incorporated under the laws of the state of California. It is partly true that Belden Bros., of Toronto, are proprietors. Was in the room when McLaughlin, the defendant, signed the note. There were dozens of others in the room. Am a Nova Scotia; belong to Amherst. Lived in St John for a number of years. The case is still on.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—A number of Island students, of both sexes, arrived here for the holidays by the Stanley last evening. Two young ladies, daughters of the Hon. Mr. Wood, Surveyor general of Newfoundland, were also among the passengers. The Misses Wood, who are students at Mount Allison, are the guests of Mr. Philip Large during the Christmas vacation.

THE MCKAY WOOLEN MILLS, MANUFACTURERS

TWEEDS. } For genuine All-Wool, every day wearing TWEEDS, we have the best value on the Island.
BLANKETS. } Our make of BLANKETINGS, in White and Colored, are cheaper and will give the best satisfaction of any you can buy.
FLANNELS. } In WHITE and COLORED, Heavy, Strong and Warm. Just the article for Winter use. OUR OWN MAKE.
READY-MADE CLOTHING, } For All-Wool Heavy Winter Suits of Clothing, those made from our own Tweeds will give A 1 value for your money. An immense stock of all kinds always on hand to select from.
From Our Own Tweeds.
READY-MADE CLOTHING, } We have every style, every kind and all prices that is wanted—carefully selected, bought for cash, all new and clean. No Clothing House can show you a better or cheaper line of goods.
Come to the Store where you can get the Largest Assortment to select from. Remember, our prices are low. You will save money by buying from us.
McKAY WOOLEN COMPANY.
Charlottetown, November 12, 1892.—dy eod & wy

The Diamond Bookstore & Bazaar, A DOUBLE STORE—UNDER ONE ROOF.

Illustration of a man in a top hat and a woman in a dress, with text: 'The Diamond Bookstore & Bazaar', 'Books, Toys, Stationery', 'FANCY GOODS', 'AMERICAN FASHIONS', 'My headquarters in Charlottetown this year at Diamond Bookstore', 'QUEEN ST., QUEEN SQUARE CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI', 'Santa Claus mark'.

The Biggest Book and Fancy Goods Store on P. E. Island. SEE OUR FIFTY CENT TABLE!—A big attraction. We have the biggest display ever made here. You can prove it. A word to the wise is sufficient. THEO. L. CHAPPELLE, DIAMOND BOOKSTORE & BAZAAR. Ch'town, Dec. 21, 1892.—3t

SKATING RINK. WANTED!

THOSE who are undecided on HOLIDAY GIFTS to visit our Store, in not necessarily with an obligation to purchase but with a view of criticizing our wonderful display of sensible and substantial Holiday Goods also with a view of helping you to decide. Every glance means a new suggestion, every price an agreeable surprise.

RECEIVED per "Stanley"—Forbidden Fruit, Shadocks, Rinsley Pine Apples, Bananas, Chestnuts, Florida Oranges, Jamaica and Valencia Oranges at 25c per dozen. Cape Cod Cranberries (very choice), Stewing France. Everything of best quality and lowest prices. SANDERSON & CO. dec-21—dy 2t wy 1t pd

Auction of Pigs. I WILL sell by Auction, on the Market Square, on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1892, at 12 o'clock, noon:— 4 Pigs, seven weeks old 3 Sows and 1 Boar, pure-bred Yorkshire, from Government Stock Farm. R. BEAUFORT, Auctioneer. dec-20

DR. T. C. ROBINS, Surgeon Dentist. Office—Prince Street, opposite St. Paul's Church, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. dec-21

TO LET—A house, with shop, warehouse and seven rooms, on the corner of Pleasant Street and St. Peter's Road. Apply to P. H. TRAINOR, Kent Street. nov-12—1t

STORAGE for Carriages, Furniture, etc., in a good dry Warehouse at moderate terms. Apply to P. H. TRAINOR, Kent Street. dec-20—1w pd

LOST—On Tuesday night, the 20th inst., be L. tween Little York Schoolhouse and Five Mile house, a buffalo robe. Finder will be rewarded on leaving it at this office. dec-22—dy 1t wy 1t

E. R. BROW, General Insurance Agent, REPRESENTING

BRITISH AMERICA ASS. CO. OF TORONTO, COMMERCIAL UNION ASS. CO. OF LONDON, ENGLAND, LANCASHIRE INSURANCE CO. OF MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, QUEBEC FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, SCOTISH UNION & NAT. INS. CO. OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND. LIE AND ACCIDENT: SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA. Lowest Prices. Prompt Settlements. OFFICE, BROWN'S BLOCK, CHARLOTTETOWN. November 4, 1892.

Illustration of a pocket watch with text: 'SEE G. H. TAYLOR'S XMAS STOCK OF WATCHES, JEWELRY, AND FANCY GOODS. NORTH SIDE QUEEN SQUARE. Charlotte, December 16, 1892.'

OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY IS NOW COMPLETE, And offers the best inducements ever offered to intending purchasers.

WE HAVE ADDED LARGELY to our already well-assorted stock, which makes our XMAS DISPLAY this year the most complete ever shown by us. WE ALWAYS DID LEAD, and always will while honest goods at reasonable prices will aid us. In WATCHES and RINGS our assortment cannot be excelled. Our line of Watch Chains and Charms, Chatelaine, New Neck Chains, Chain Bracelets (with Pouch and Key), Chatelaine Handkerchiefs, Holders, Brooches, Earrings, Stick Pins, Scarf Pins, Gold Pens and Pencils, Cuff Buttons, Shirt Studs, Thumbies, etc., are the best assortment ever shown.

Our stock of staple lines of SILVER PLATED WARE, such as Fruit Dishes, Butter Dishes, Casters, Baking Dishes, Salad Dishes, Card and Cake Baskets, Sugar Dishes, Crumb Trays, Nut Bowls, Bonbon Baskets, with new lines of Stamp Boxes, Hairpin Boxes, Fin Cushions, Watch Stands, Letter Holders, etc., are both useful and ornamental. Our Marble, Imitation on Marble and Walnut CLOCK'S are handsome patterns and good time keepers. The public are cordially invited to call and inspect the above goods.

W. W. WELLNER. Charlotte, D. cember 20, 1892.—eod

ONCE A YEAR WE CUT PRICES IN TWO. REDDIN'S DRUG STORE.

We believe if there is a time to show your customers your appreciation of their trade CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON. In order to do this we have put our elegant stock of Fancy Goods, in Cash and Leather; Perfumes, Meerschaum and Briar Pipes, Cigar Cases, etc., on our counters for the holiday season, and no reasonable offer will be refused.

REDDIN BROS. Charlotte, Dec. 9, 1892.—eod

Best Five-Frame Brussels Carpet, 90 cents per yard, at the Scotch Store. New Black Goods, Ribbons and Silks received.