

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 5, 1888.

What Does it Mean?

This is the heading placed by the editor of The Pioneer over an article in which the Attorney-General of this Province is charged with having "recently undertaken to over-ride the law"; with "an unauthorized and interference with the law and privileges of the people"; with substituting a "freak of his own fancy for the law of the land and the established usages of society."

The gravity of the Premier's offence would be all the more notable if it were true, as The Pioneer alleges, that he interfered with the law in so tender, so serious, so important a point as marriage. But it is not true. Though it was The Pioneer which preferred the charge, THE EXAMINER sent a representative to see Mr. Sullivan, and find the ground upon which it is based. He found that, so far as Mr. Sullivan is concerned, there is no ground at all. Mr. Sullivan was not consulted about the marriage law; he gave no opinion as to the eligibility of a magistrate to perform the marriage ceremony; he issued no manifesto directed to the issuers of marriage licenses; he never either by written order or word of mouth, or in any other way, directed that licenses should not in future be sent to magistrates. In view of these facts, The Pioneer's question might well be turned upon it, and its readers might well ask: "What does it mean?" It is evidently too mean to spend three cents for postage of a letter seeking information about the matter;—but it must needs, at any rate, attempt to destroy the confidence of the people in the rectitude of the Attorney-General!

But though The Pioneer's charges are utterly false, it does not appear—on a perusal of the law relating to matrimony—that the Attorney-General would have been guilty of a very great crime, if he had sent "a manifesto" to the issuers of marriage licenses advising them not to direct such licenses to the magistrates. The law upon the point seems to be, at best, very vague and very doubtful. It is so vague and so doubtful as to cause all prudent young men and maidens, to prefer a clergyman to perform for them the highly important service of marriage. It nowhere directly authorizes magistrates to marry persons who may apply to them for that purpose. Authority to marry is given by the following section:—

"And be it further enacted, That every Clergyman or Minister of any sect or denomination of Christians, having spiritual charge of a congregation within this Island, upon producing to the Lieutenant-Governor, or other Commander-in-Chief for the time being, satisfactory proof of his ordination, constitution or appointment, and that he is actually employed by the denomination of which he professes to be a Minister within this Colony, and receiving a certificate to that effect under the hand and seal of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, and all others whom the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being may thereto authorize, shall hereafter have power and authority to solemnize marriage, either by license from the Lieutenant-Governor, or after publication of Banns in their respective Churches, Chapel or other place of public worship, on Three successive Sundays during divine service. Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Clergyman regularly ordained according to the rites of the Church of England, Kirk of Scotland, or Church of Rome, Presbyterians being dissenters from the Kirk of Scotland, the Wesleyan Methodists and Baptists respectively, and having respectively within this Island spiritual charge of a congregation, from solemnizing marriage according to the forms of their own respective churches, without having obtained such certificate as is hereinbefore mentioned."

There is here no mention of magistrates. Only clergymen—clergymen ordained as such, and "having spiritual charge of a congregation within this Island," have, in set terms, been invested with power and authority to solemnize marriage within this Island. The Lieutenant-Governor may, it is true, specially authorize "others" to solemnize matrimony. An ordained clergyman, in good standing, coming here from abroad to marry his friend, would probably receive such authority on making the facts of the case known to the Governor; or, mayhap, a judge or magistrate might, on occasion, obtain authority to perform the marriage service. But the Lieutenant-Governor has never given such authority to magistrates (as a class) as would enable them to solemnize matrimony for all who apply.

This interpretation of the law is perfectly consistent with the following section, the only one which seems to indicate, inferentially, that magistrates may marry:

"And be it further enacted, That all marriages shall be solemnized in the presence of two or more credible witnesses besides the Minister, Clergyman, Justice of the Peace, or other person authorized to solemnize matrimony, who shall solemnize the same."

Can any "other person" solemnize matrimony unless he has specially received authority to do so? Surely not. It cannot be so inferred; and if not, how can it be inferred that a Magistrate may do so without having received such authority?

The following section is quoted by the Pioneer—the italics are ours:—

"The license shall be directed to such person who may be authorized to solemnize matrimony, in the petition applying for such license."

shall request or desire, and to no other person or persons whomsoever, any usage to the contrary notwithstanding."

The persons who are authorized by the law to solemnize matrimony are ordained clergymen, "having spiritual charge," etc. Magistrates are not so authorized. Therefore, it seems to us, the issuers of marriage licenses are, in view of the important interests involved, justified in limiting the issue of marriage licenses to clergymen.

Whether or not it may be expedient or necessary—in the present circumstances of the Province—to amend the law, in order that it may be quite clear that all magistrates have authority to marry is a question to be considered. To this point again, the Pioneer's question will apply: "What does it mean?" What does Marriage mean? Certainly it is, before the law, a civil contract. But to many persons—to all Christians—it means more than that.

Obituary.

THE remains of William Sanderson, Esquire, Georgetown, were committed to the earth this forenoon. Mr. Sanderson was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. He emigrated to Prince Edward Island when he was about twenty years of age, and remained here, throughout the long interval which elapsed, until he fell asleep on Monday last, at the great age of eighty-four years. He was, in his day and generation, an active, honest, intelligent Christian man. He was for many years Deputy Prothonotary for King's County, and he filled, creditably, from time to time, many other public offices. An unique—a venerable figure has passed away.

The sudden death of Mr. John Praught, a well-known resident of Pownal, is reported. It appears that on Monday last, while taking a "short cut" home from a sale on the Lot 48 Road, in company with Messrs. James Brown and George Stanley, Mr. Praught suddenly fell to the ground and died without a word. Heart disease is the supposed cause of death. Mr. Praught was about 54 years of age, and leaves a wife and family to mourn their loss.

Mr. Theophilus Nelson, of China Point, also died somewhat suddenly on Saturday. On Thursday, we understand, Mr. Nelson had been threshing, and in the evening complaining of feeling unwell, he went to bed, where he remained until his death, which took place on Saturday afternoon about one o'clock, while he was talking with some friends. Mr. Nelson, who was well known and respected, leaves a wife and six children, who have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

A New Map.

As one result of the mischievous talk of the unrestricted agitators, The World, of New York, (Dec. 1), has a map of North America showing the very name of Canada blotted out, and the names of a number of States of the Great Republic substituted therefor. Among the "new States" are "Cleveland," "Harrison," "Franklin," "Melville,"—good names all! The map is a great artistic curiosity—the emanation of a fertile brain. Poor little Prince Edward Island is as completely effaced from it as the name of Canada. The World quotes Goldwin Smith, and remarks:

"The American people are awakening to the fact that as long as Canada is destined to be annexed to the United States some time, the sooner it is done the better. Nobody doubts that when the United States wants Canada she can have it. The Canadian people themselves have long been agitating this question with periods of greater or less activity, but it is the opinion of the most careful observers that never before in the history of that country has the annexation sentiment been stronger than at present."

Ticking the Republican palate, with a vengeance! The unrestricted agitators seem to be intent upon brewing trouble for this Canada of ours. Can nothing stay their hands?

—The Montreal Witness (daily) is flourishing under the impetus of the much-abused National Policy, and its size has been enlarged from eight to twelve pages. Well done.

SCOTT ACT IN MONCTON.—At a temperance meeting in Moncton, on Monday night, there was a general talk over the failure of the Scott Act, and a demand that the Town Council should proceed to enforce it. Charges against the police were repeated and the failure attributed to the fact that they were indifferent or hostile. Mayor McKenzie, who presided, made a speech at the close, saying he had always believed the Town Council should enforce the Act, and that no Council, true to his oath of office, could do other than treat the Scott Act the same as other laws. Some of the speakers appealed to the electors not to vote for candidates for the Council other than those favorable to the enforcement of the Act by the town, and it is likely the next civic election will be run on that issue.

CANADA'S DIVORCE COURT.—An Ottawa despatch says that the following divorce cases—seven in all—will come before the Senate this session: George M. Bagwell, Wentworth County, Ont., from Ella B. Bagwell, adultery; George C. King, Calgary, from Louisa King, adultery; William G. Lowrey, Hamlet Township, from Flora Lowrey, adultery; W. H. Middleton, Ottawa, from Mary Middleton, adultery and desertion; Eliza J. Nicol, Hamilton, from her husband, adultery and desertion; Robert Oliver, of Ellisboro, N. W. T., from his wife, adultery and desertion; Bennett Rosamond, Almonte, from Adair Rosamond, adultery and desertion; Arthur Wand, Montreal, from Jane Darrach, adultery, desertion and attempting to poison applicant.

Now is the time to buy Skates, at W. E. Dawson's.

Fifty Pounds Reward.

The following circular, from the Detective Department of the Central Police Office, Liverpool, Eng., has been received by the authorities here:—

LARCENY BY TRICK. Wanted, charged with stealing, on the 9th Oct., 2,485 Dollars in American Greenbacks and Canadian Notes, from a Ballion Dealer in this city, consisting of American Notes, \$1,704, pinned in 17 packets of 100 each, chiefly 20's, 10's and 5's; American Gold, \$295; Canadian Notes, \$480, consisting of a 100 Dollar Note, and the remainder in 10's, 5's, and smaller, and in silver, \$6; total English value, £510; by a man calling himself "Father McDonald," who stated that he was taking a number of youths to Canada, and wanted a Canadian money, and requested that amount be brought to the Presbytery of a Roman Catholic Church in this city, which was done, and the money was handed to the so-called Father McDonald, he then leaving for the purpose of obtaining from the Rector in charge the £510 in exchange, but instead of doing so he decamped, and upon enquiry it was ascertained that he was not known to anyone connected with the Presbytery. He is about 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 10 inches high, pale looking, rather long face, square build, clean shaven, high cheek bones, heavy dark eyebrows, small piece of flesh in the centre of upper lip, thick lips, large mouth, spoke with a slight American accent, and was dressed as a Priest, and carried a small black bag.

The above-mentioned reward will be paid for his capture and conviction. All information upon the subject to be forwarded Geo. Williams, Chief Superintendent of Police, Liverpool.

Only Two Big Holes Were Found.

AND 1000 POUNDS OF NITRO-GLYCERINE, A TEAM AND A MAGAZINE VANISHED.

Says a recent despatch from Titusville, Pa.: A shock like an earthquake was caused by an explosion of nitro-glycerine at the Van Vlock Magazine, one mile north of Pleasantville. "Doc" Haggarty, employed by the Torpedo Company, whose factory is situated on Hemlock Run, ten miles above Warren, left the factory early in the morning with a load of 1000 pounds of glycerine in cans for the Van Vlock Magazine. He passed through Pleasantville about 11.30 o'clock. Half an hour later the explosion was heard.

A party left at once for the magazine. At the place where it had stood they found a great cavity in the hillside, and just in front of this where the team had stopped with the load was another hole twenty feet square and ten deep. Not the slightest trace of Haggarty was found. About two hundred yards away a few small bits of horse flesh were picked up, but not another vestige of the team, driver or magazine remained.

Haggarty was an experienced driver, and it is thought that rough roads caused the disaster, although another theory of the explosion is that in unloading the nitro-glycerine Haggarty dropped one of the cans.

A schoolhouse about a quarter of a mile from the magazine was completely wrecked and the dwelling house of a man named Gutshaw was shaken to pieces, and Mrs. Gutshaw, who was looking out of the window, was fatally injured by flying debris. Trees, rocks, and earth were hurled in all directions. Luckily for the people of the village, the magazine did not contain the usual amount of nitro-glycerine.

Personal.

Balfour Burleigh has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the British Board of Trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain have arrived at Paris, en route to Italy, where they will remain till Christmas.

An Ottawa despatch says it is understood that Hon. Mr. Chapleau will leave on Saturday for Paris, there to consult medical experts.

Mr. Henry Green, lately Master of St. Peter's Boys' School, has secured the position of Master of the Parish School of Brackley, Northampton, England.

We regret to learn that John McLean, M. P. P., Souris, met with what might have proved a serious accident on Monday evening last, by walking into his store hatchway, which had been left open. He fell about ten feet, but fortunately only received slight injury. Mr. McLean, we are pleased to learn, is on foot again.

Our Advertisers To-day.

Duncan McLean, Secretary to the Water Commissioners, offers free water until the end of the year to all persons paying the rate for the quarter ending March 31.

John T. Mellish, Attorney-at-Law, etc., has removed his office to the London House building, where he is now ready for business.

C. A. Stevenson advertises for a Teacher for the New Glasgow Grammar School.

G. M. Harris sells a horse, buggy and sleighs at auction, on Friday next.

R. Beirsto holds an auction sale of bank stock, on the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock.

Unless more care is given to the hair, the coming man is liable to be a hairless animal; hence, to prevent the hair from falling use Hall's Hair Renewer.

BUILDING BOOM.—The Transcript publishes a list of buildings erected in the town of Moncton during the year. The buildings mentioned number 75 and cost \$88,000. The Transcript claims to have reliable estimates showing that in all 100 buildings have gone up representing an expenditure of \$100,000. With a few exceptions the buildings are dwelling houses.

CARPETS.—Ladies are more interested in these household requisites than anyone else, and are invited to see the unrivalled display of new Rugs and Carpets just added to stock, together with a fine variety of Shades, Poles, Curtains and other household furnishings.—Paton & Co's. Popular Store.

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R. BEIRSTO, Auctioneer.

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WATER SERVICE.

PARTIES applying for water this month, and paying the rate for the quarter ending March 31st, 1889, will receive water, so far as available in the pipes, free of charge until the end of the present year.

Applicants will please remember and bring the street number of their building.

By order, DUNCAN McLEAN, Secretary.

Water Commissioners' Office, Dec. 5, 1888. dec5—3i eod

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Missions of the Methodist Church.

SERMONS on behalf of the Methodist Missionary Society will be preached on SUNDAY NEXT, the 9th inst., as follows:—

BRICK CHURCH, 11 a. m., by Rev. E. C. Turner; 7 p. m., by Rev. John Read.

SECOND CHURCH, 11 a. m., by Rev. John Read; 7 p. m., by Rev. E. C. Turner.

The Annual Missionary Meeting will be held in the Brick Church, on Monday, 16th inst., at 7.30 p. m., and in the Second Church, on Tuesday, 17th inst., at 7.30 p. m.

Excellent programmes have been arranged for both occasions, and most interesting meetings may be expected.

Collections will be taken up at each Anniversary Service on behalf of the Missions. dec1—4i die

CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

WE have accepted the invitation of Mr. Theo. L. Chappelle to remain at the DIAMOND BOOKSTORE until Tuesday morning, 25th inst., and would ask an EARLY VISIT from our friends, so that all may be benefitted during our stay.

SANTA CLAUS, SANTA G. CLAUS.

Ch'town, Dec. 1, 1888.

Referring to the foregoing, I would remind the public that the

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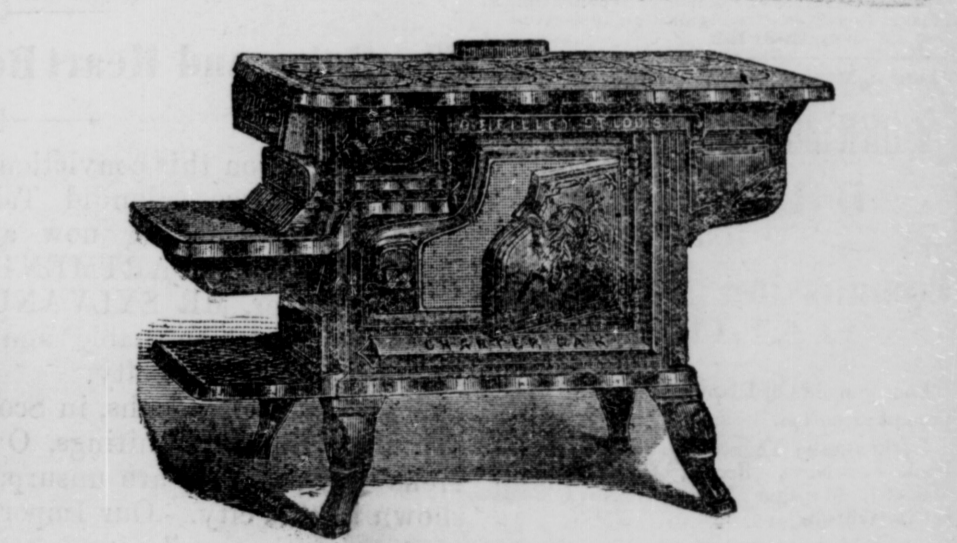
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