

THE DAILY EXAMINER
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The revenue of the Dominion last year, as shown by the public accounts, was \$33,382,455. This sum is a tax on the people of Canada of \$7.71 per head. The increase in the taxation of the country, therefore, for which we have to thank Sir John's Government is about \$2.28 per head, or \$11.40 for a family of five persons. This is the increase of taxation alone, it must be remembered, under Tory rule. The total Dominion taxation amounts to \$7.71 per head, or \$38.55 for an ordinary family.—*Patriot*.

This is a gross misrepresentation. The \$33,382,455, were derived from the receipts of railways, canals, and other public works, as well as from duties levied.

It is evidently wrong to say that the money which is paid to the Government for railway fares, or freight, or tolls of any kind, is a tax upon the country. A man travels by rail to Halifax and pays his fare—the fare is not a tax upon the country. A ship goes through the Welland Canal and pays the toll—the toll evidently did not come out of the pockets of the taxpayers. Yet the *Patriot*, in the above quotation, implies that it did!

That the revenue of the Government is increasing so fast is partly owing to the rapidity with which (under the stimulus of the National Policy) the traffic of the Government railways, canals, etc., is increasing. The Government and the people are doing more business than ever they did, and, therefore both their expenditures and revenues are larger than ever they were; and the net results, too, are better than ever!

Of the \$33,382,455 received last year by the Government, \$5,834,409 (about a sixth of the whole) were from railways, canals, etc., and in showing the taxation of the country, this latter amount should be deducted. Strange, (isn't it?) that the editor of the *Patriot* did not do so!

By doing so, it will be found that the total taxation of the country (including the receipts from Bill Stamps, now abolished) amounts not to \$7.71, as stated by the *Patriot*, but to about \$6.

But the *Patriot* says that the increase of taxation makes a difference of \$2.28 per head of the population of this Island. We think not.

It must be remembered that there has been a great influx of immigrants to the Northwest. Every man who comes into the country has to buy dutiable goods, and so contributes to the revenue; and the receipts of the Government have, undoubtedly, been largely increased by the immigrants.

Again, it must be remembered, that, in the other Provinces there has been, with the revival of trade and with the development of home manufactures, a great increase of prosperity. The mass of the people of Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, and all the other cities and towns of the Upper Provinces, have, since the introduction of the National Policy, been in a position to purchase more goods than they did in previous years; and they have done so, and so have increased their contributions to the revenue.

But the finances of the Provinces have been disarranged by the failure of the "Old Bank," and the people of the Island have not to any great extent taken advantage of the National Policy. They have not therefore, been able to increase so largely their purchases of goods and they have not done so. Consequently the increased contributions of the Island to the general revenue have not been in so large a ratio as those of the other Provinces.

This reasonable view is borne out by the Public Accounts: In 1881-2, there was collected in the Island:

From Customs,	\$199,162.62
From Excise,	34,220.30
Total,	\$233,382.92

Or less than \$2.25 per head of the population. For an allowance on the dutiable goods purchased in Montreal, Halifax, St. John and elsewhere within the Dominion, suppose we double these figures. The contributions of the Island per head of the population are, then, all told, only about \$4.50. It will doubtless surprise the editor of the *Patriot* to learn that this Province paid directly into the Dominion Treasury last year a less sum than in 1878. In that year our contributions were:—

From Customs,	232,011.07
From Excise,	46,367.57
Total,	\$278,378.64

So that, on the face of the blue books it appears that the burden of taxation borne by the people of the Island was greater than it is now. Since then, however, the course of trade has changed. We now buy more from Canada and less from other countries than we did then. It would therefore be manifestly misleading to take the blue books as our guide in this respect. But, taken in connection with the fact that tea and other articles taxed by the old tariff have been placed upon the free list, and with the influx of immigration and the increased purchasing powers of the Upper Provinces, they show that the statement of the *Patriot* that the present tariff has increased the taxes of the people of this Province by \$2.28 cents per head is absurd.

The *Patriot* says "a large revenue enables the Government to incur a large expenditure;" and, it might have added, to reduce the public debt. Last year the debt was reduced by \$1,734,129.62; and in the meanwhile, the country was being opened up and its resources were being developed at a rate unexampled in its history.

A farmer who is clearing up his farm,

must necessarily expend more labor than if he were to allow the woods to grow; a merchant who is enlarging his business must, as a matter of course, increase his expenditures; and it is because of the wonderful development of the country, that the expenditures of the present Government are larger than those of their predecessors. But the net result is more than satisfactory. In comparison with the result produced by the McKenzie administration, it is conspicuously brilliant. Millions have been expended upon the extension of railways, upon the addition of Post Offices, upon the enlargement of canals, and upon the erection of public works. Yet the increase of taxation is hardly appreciable, while the credit of the country has been raised 12 per cent. and the public debt is being diminished.

—The immigration to Canada the coming season is likely to be very large. Agents in all parts of Great Britain are active, and their reports are very encouraging. Those who came out last year have written satisfactory letters regarding Canada to their friends in the "old country." This materially aids the emigration agents at home in their work, and will, no doubt, influence many who have been in doubt about the resources of Canada, to come out and see for themselves. The Minister of Agriculture—Hon. Mr. Pope—has been very active of late. He has ordered Mr. Dyke, the Canadian Government Agent at Liverpool, to visit Norway, Sweden, Denmark and other countries of Europe, for the purpose of laying before intending emigrants the superiority of Canada to other countries as a field for emigration. It is believed his mission will be successful. Messrs. Allan Bros., too, are not behind in forwarding the interests of the Dominion. They are preparing excellent pamphlets, showing the resources and capabilities of the different Provinces, which they intend to circulate throughout Great Britain and the Continent. These pamphlets are most favorable. They show that Manitoba and the Northwest are splendid countries "where a man who is not afraid of roughing it for three or four years, will soon acquire an independency." The signs, as before stated, are that a very large immigration will take place, and while many will go to the far West, we hope to see a desirable class of men with families settle on the advantageous lands of P. E. Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario.

—The eucumiums which the press of the Dominion has bestowed on the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, must be gratifying to the people of Picton and Westmoreland. They show that these constituencies have selected admirable representatives, and that the Maritime Provinces send to Parliament men whose abilities will compare favorably with the representatives of the older Provinces. We "down here by the sea" have just cause to be proud of our representatives. The records of such men as Tupper, Tilley, McLellan, Mitchell and others, are distinguished, and now that the number is swelled by Tupper from Picton, and Wood from Westmoreland, we feel that the Maritime Provinces holds a place in the Parliament of the Dominion equal to any of the other Provinces. The selection of good representatives in Parliament should be the aim of every constituency.

The Phoenix Park Murder.

The evidence given on Saturday by James Carey regarding the Phoenix Park murder caused intense excitement in London. It is reported that an Irish member of parliament has been arrested. It is asserted also that the police have warrants for the arrest of certain other gentlemen new in England. T. O'Connor Sexton started for Dublin on Saturday. There is much conjecture as to the object of his visit. The Mrs. Byrne mentioned in Carey's evidence wife of the secretary of the Land Labor League in Great Britain, was arrested on the 18th, in Peckham, London, on a charge of conspiracy to murder the Government officials. The individual alluded to in Carey's testimony as "number one," is an Irish American who has resided sometimes in France and Germany. He appeared to have the disposal of an unlimited supply of money; a large banking firm in Paris, which was by him given as reference, replied, "The gentleman in question has seemingly unlimited means derived from large drafts from America." "Number one" is about 5 feet 10 inches high; is well preserved; has a full face and long hair and moustache; is slightly lame in the right leg from the effects of a wound received during the Franco-German war. He also served in the American war. The police believe he has gone to America. Several persons have been arrested at Liverpool upon their arrival there from Ireland during the past few days. They will be taken to Dublin, as they will probably be able to give valuable evidence in the state trials. The London *Times* says it is stated that P. J. Sheridan and Thomas Brennan, alluded to by Carey in his evidence on Saturday, as having been concerned in the conspiracy against the lives of the English officials, are now in America, and that Great Britain has requested their extradition.

A DESPATCH to the Halifax *Herald* gives further particulars of the accident at the Chignecto Mines. On Saturday morning, shortly after the men went to work in Chignecto Mines, at Maccan, one of the bosses found that two men, Hudson and Patton, were insensible from fire damp. An effort was made to rescue the men, but in the attempt eleven others were affected. When the gang reached the surface it was found that John Hudson, William Patton, and John Burrows were dead, and three others dangerously ill. Alexander Dewar was the boss who made the discovery. The manager, James Baird, also ran considerable risk in trying to help the men. Much sympathy is felt for the families of the deceased, and operations have been suspended for the present.

The Band will play at the Rink on Saturday evening.

GREAT clearance sale at J. B. Macdonald's. (Feb 21 3i)

The best French and Java Coffee at the Family Grocery.—R. K. BRACE. (Feb 21)

WINTER GOODS selling at cost at J. B. Macdonald's. (Feb 21 3i)

Two boats left Cape Traverse for Cape Tormentine at 11.30. No crossing from Cape Tormentine to-day.

A SPLENDID lot of Rockingham teapots to be sold very cheap at wholesale or retail at COLWILL'S. (Feb 21 3aw wy)

MR. FRANCIS BAIN will deliver a Lecture, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Tuesday next. Subject: "The Geology of Prince Edward Island." Particulars in due time.

"BEACONSFIELD" will be sold at Public Auction, at twelve o'clock, noon, to-morrow, by Mr. Dodd. It is beautifully situated, is fitted with all the modern improvements, and is pronounced to be one of the handsomest and most desirable residences in the Maritime Provinces.

You can get potatoes, turnips, flour, molasses, kerosene, brooms, buckets, and prime tea. If that won't keep peace in the house, call at the Diamond Grocery and tell us your wife's name.—D. MACLEACHEN & Co., 85 North Side Queen Square. (Feb 19)

FOUR GAMINS, from the East End, were arraigned before the Stipendiary Magistrate this forenoon, for assaulting Mrs. Mary McLeod. One, it appears from the evidence spat in her face, while the others threw snowballs at her. A fine of two dollars was recorded against each to be collected on their committing another offense.

THERE was a large attendance last night at the Y. M. C. A. Debating Club and Literary Society. The subject of "Imperial Federation" was discussed. The debate was opened by Mr. Wm. Kennedy, who read an excellent paper on the subject. A lengthy discussion followed. As there was not time to hear all the speakers, the debate was adjourned until next Tuesday night.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Feb. 21—10 a. m.

Strong winds and moderate gales from southeasterly, shifting to westerly, cloudy weather with snow, followed by clearing and colder weather.

SHIP NEWS.

New York, Feb. 14—In port brig't. Kitty Clyde, McLean, for Martinique.

Ar at Richmond, Va. Feb. 14—brig't. Lottie Belle, Murdoch, New York.

The British schooner Ada, which left Liverpool, Jan. 26th, for St. John's Nfld., has returned to the Clyde, having had boats smashed and bulwarks damaged.

The steamer Scandinavian, from Boston, has arrived at Glasgow, and reports having lost boats, boatswain, and 70 head of cattle and sustained other damage.

The brig Charles W. Oulton, from Liverpool, Dec. 6th, for Harbor Grace Nfld., was towed into Plymouth, on the 18th, in a leaky condition. She lost a man overboard, and a boat, and sustained other damage.

DIED.

In this city, on the 19th inst., of brain fever, Dominick, son of Michael and Margaret Doyle, aged 11 years.

On the 20th instant, Howard Churchill, beloved son of W. W. and Edith Clark, aged nine days.

Wicklow and Killarney.

A LECTURE will be delivered by VERY REV. D. McDONALD, D. D., before the Catholic Literary Union, in

ST. PATRICK'S HALL,

Wednesday Even'g, 28th inst.

SUBJECT: "Among the Mountains of Wicklow and Killarney."

Admission, 10 cents; Reserved Seats, 15 cents.

Tickets for sale at Fraser & Reddin's Drug Store, Apothecaries' Hall, and Diamond Bookstore.

Doors open at 7.30, to commence at eight.

JOHN A. McINNIS, Secretary.

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Merchants Bank of P. E. Island

THE Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House, in Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them.

Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting.

WM. McLEAN, Cashier.

Charlottetown, Feb. 21, 1883—till meeting

PATENTS.

We continue to act as Solicitors for Patents Caveats, Trade Marks, Copyrights, &c., of the United States, and to obtain patents in Canada, England, France, Germany, and all other countries. Thirty-six years practice. No charge for examination of models or drawings. Advice by mail free.

Patents obtained through us are noticed in the Scientific American, which has the largest circulation, and is the most influential newspaper of its kind published in the world. The advantages of such a notice every patentee understands.

This large and splendidly illustrated newspaper is published weekly at \$3.20 a year, and is admitted to be the best paper devoted to science, mechanics, inventions, engineering &c., and other departments of industrial progress, published in any country. Single copies by mail, 10 cents. Sold by all news-dealers.

Address Munn & Co., publishers of Scientific American, 261 Broadway, New York. Handbook about patents mailed free. Nov 3, 1872.

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

WILL close out (during the month of January and February) the balance of their large Stock of

WOOLLEN GOODS,

Including Shawls, Squares, Clouds, Scarfs, Children's Hoods, Ulsters and Underwear, Ladies' Vests, Mitts, Cuffs, Hosiery, Gents' Cardigan Jackets, Gloves, etc.

Fur Goods, Dolmans, Mantles, Ulsters, and Millinery Goods.

Also, the remainder of their Choice Stock of Scotch, Brussels, and Tapestry Carpets and Hearth Rugs,

AT A LARGE DISCOUNT.

GREAT BARGAINS MAY BE EXPECTED.

Ch'town, Jan. 18, 1883.

JANUARY.

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE,

BEFORE STOCK TAKING.

J. B. MACDONALD will, during this month, clear out lots of Goods in every Department:

- A Lot of Ladies' Dress Goods,
- A Lot of Clouds and Scarfs,
- A Lot of Men's Scarfs,
- A Lot of Tweeds and Heavy Cloths,
- A Lot of Mantle and Ulster Cloths,
- A Lot of Fur Caps Mitts and Gloves,
- A Lot of Men's and Boys' Ulsters,
- A Lot of Winceys and Flannels.

J. B. MACDONALD.

Also, 100 Chests of Fine Congou Tea, very cheap, by the Chest or Package.

J. B. MACDONALD, Ch'town, Jan. 10, 1883—w'kly pat, pres de QUEEN STREET.

L. E. PROWSE

Will, for the next Two Weeks, give

SPECIAL BARGAINS,

—IN—

Men's Overcoats, Reefers & Ulsters,

MEN'S FUR CAPS,

Tweeds, Winceys, Wool Squares, Scarfs, Sacques, &c.

Everyone should call and see those Goods, as Great Bargains will be given.

L. E. PROWSE, Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1882. 74 Queen Street.

WINTER WEAR.

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D. A. BRUCE, MERCHANT TAILOR,

HAS JUST OPENED

100 FUR CAPS, 200 CLOTH CAPS.

FROM THE FINEST TO THE CHEAPEST QUALITIES, AND IN THE LATEST STYLES.

—A L S O—

FUR COATS, IN COON AND ASTRACHAN,

These Goods must be sold, and are offered at the lowest prices. Call and see for yourselves.

Charlottetown Nov. 21st, 1882—2m sat tu th w'kly

WHOLESALE SUPPLIES

BEER & GOFF'S.

—AT—

WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of the TRADE to our LARGE STOCK, purchased for Fall and Winter Trade. In part, as follows:

- 1000 Bbls. FLOUR (Choice Brands),
- 200 Half-Chests TEA (Excellent Quality),
- 125 Bbls. REFINED SUGAR,
- 350 Boxes and Half-Boxes CHOICE RAISINS,
- 400 Bbls. APPLES,
- 400 Boxes FIGS,
- 50 Boxes CHEESE,
- 30 Puns. MOLASSES,
- 40 Kegs and Half-Kegs GRAPES,
- 20 Cases ORANGES,
- 25 Bbls. ONIONS,

Large Assortment Confectionery, Nuts, Spices, Coffe, etc., etc.

For Sale at Usual Low Cash Prices.

SPLENDID VALUE IN TEA BEER & GOFF.

Ch'town, Dec. 1, 1882 2av

LONDON HOUSE

Our Buyer Having Gone to England TO PURCHASE OUR

SPRING GOODS

In order to make room for them, we will sell

CHEAP FOR CASH

Our surplus of Stock in hand, not wanted to carry over to another season.

Household Goods

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS

—IN—

Carpets, Oil Cloths, Damask and Lace Tairs, Table Linen, Towels, Towels, etc., etc.

Large Stock of Grey and White Cotton Sheetings and Shirtings, (best makes) English and leading Dominion Mills.

Black Cashmeres; Cords, Lusters, Crapes, &c.

And, at this Stock-taking time, remaining all Departments, at tempting prices.

A large and unexceptionable Stock of Goods in English and Canadian, with fine Trimmings, at the lowest prices.

Suits and Single Garments made to order on the premises, in the best style.

A Choice Assortment

GROCERIES

Teas, in five, ten and fifteen pound packages giving general satisfaction to customers.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Charlottetown, Feb. 20, 1883.

Fire Department

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN, February 17, 1883.

THE attention of Citizens is hereby directed to the following section of the By-law regulating the Fire Department:

11. The occupant of each house in this town whose yard shall exceed thirty feet shall provide and keep one leather ladder, hold at least two gallons, with his name painted thereon. Each house shall at least two good ladders, forming a connection between the ground and the roof of the house. Any occupant of a house failing to have either the ladders or ladders failing to have them in good repair, shall be liable to the penalty of the By-law.

All parties failing to supply their ladders with the ladders required before the 1st of May, will be prosecuted.

The penalty is as high as thirty dollars.

A. N. LARSEN, Chief Engineer.

Ch'town, Feb. 17, 1883.—3i

Citizen's Skating Rink

A DISCOUNT of 25 per cent. will be given on Rink Tickets from this date.

W. C. HOLBROOK, Secy.

'BEACONSFIELD'

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION

On Thursday, 22nd February

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK.

On the premises, that beautiful property known as "Beaconsfield," situated on the Street, near Government House.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND.

WANTED—\$10 DAILY—Charlottetown, P. E. I. Arctic Expedition." 500 pages 100 illustrations. Sales unprecedented. Copies with 10. Exclusive territory. 50 cents—Baker Pub. Co., Providence, R. I.

A LADY will be glad to help young men who are preparing for the entrance examination in the Prince of Wales College, by their studies. For particulars apply to office.

WANTED—A Clerk in a General Office of about sixteen years of age. Reference required. Apply at THE EXAMINER OFFICE.

TO LET—A Dwelling House situated on Prince Street. Apply to Peake Bros. & Co.

TO LET—Immediate possession of a desirable residence, situated at Hillsborough Street. Rent low to tenant. Apply at the Merchants Bank to Mr. F. S. Moore.

TO LET—The Brick House on Prince Street, at present occupied by Mr. Irving, Enquire. Possession, Apply to Thomas W. Dodd.