

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

FEBRUARY 25, 1898.

REASON FOR BELIEF.

The Patriot of last evening contains the following paragraph:

"UNWARRANTED.

"The Tory daily origan was unusually reckless on Wednesday. Referring to annex to the Hospital for the Insane, and the proposed new College building, THE EXAMINER says: 'The Legislature has authorized the Government to afford relief, the Government has borrowed money with which to erect the buildings that are needed, the Government have, we believe, deliberately used the money so obtained, as ordinary revenue, while large bills of costs and damages have been incurred in connection with architects and contractors.' What authority has the Tory organ for saying that the Government have borrowed money to erect the buildings and used it as ordinary revenue? The charge is unwarranted and we call upon THE EXAMINER to produce the proof for its statements.

The proof upon which THE EXAMINER relies is contained in the following facts:

(1) In the session of 1896, (April 30) the Legislature passed a bill enabling the Government to receive temporary loans to the amount of \$75,000 over and above the sum previously authorized to be so received.

(2) The Leader of the Government of that day distinctly conveyed the impression that a principal reason why the additional loan was required was the necessity of erecting, at once, an extension of the Hospital for the Insane and, later on, a new Prince of Wales College building.

(3) Referring to the Auditors' report on the Provincial accounts to 31st December 1896, we note the following item of extraordinary receipts: "Provincial loans, being increase in Loan Account during 1896, \$50,259 32."

Now, the Government borrowed this sum of \$50,000 in 1896 and they have probably borrowed additional amounts in 1897,—but neither the addition to the Hospital for Insane, nor the new Prince of Wales College building, nor Cold Storage, nor another thing for which the addition to the loans was authorized has yet been provided.

If it shall appear that the Government have the fifty odd thousands of dollars, which they borrowed on the strength of their amended Temporary Loans Act, still on hand,—then THE EXAMINER will be bound to admit that it has reached a wrong conclusion, and that its belief that the amount has been absorbed in ordinary revenue is erroneous. But until this is clearly shown, we must be excused if we hold to the belief that the money borrowed to erect the buildings needed has been used as ordinary revenue.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

—It is stated that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is looking pale and careworn. At best, there is not much fun in being at the head of a government.

—If offensive reports from Souris have lately—as Mr. Arthur Mellish asserts—appeared in THE EXAMINER we had no knowledge of the fact and deeply regret it. We can only say that the letters and reports referred to by Mr. Mellish came from persons of the highest character and position resident in Souris; and were published as bona fide. If such persons have spent their leisure in wilfully heaping ridicule and innuendo upon their fellow-countrymen we are greatly mistaken in them; and we incline to the opinion that Mr. Arthur Mellish is just a trifle super-sensitive on behalf of his adopted home. We did not receive a report or programme of Professor Marcou's concert from him.

—"More supervision and less inspection" is in the air, and every province in the Dominion is beginning to understand what that means for our schools, the test has been applied to school work in the United States, and as a contemporary says: "Notwithstanding the hard times the township boards of education in many sections of the State are adopting supervision, and when ever or wherever it is put to the test faithfully it proves to be an excellent financial as well as an educational investment. The additional expense is small and the increased attendance always resulting from systematic organization makes the per capita cost of education less than under the plan of no organization or supervision."

—The Island Farmer publishes market reports which show that the prices of farm products are higher in Canada than in the United States, and naively remarks that "there seems to be an erroneous impression in this province that if the Dingley tariff were removed and American markets were free and open to the produce of this country, farmers here would realize much higher prices for agricultural products than is now the case." When the Island Farmer realizes that the freedom of the sixty million market will not give our farmers better prices than they receive at home it may be said that the Commercial Union Unrestricted Reciprocity dodge is wholly played out.

—Secretary Long of the United States navy has given out the following statement in connection with the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor. Such

statements as this are in marked contrast to the sensational ones published in the New York press:

"Really no information has been received, since Captain Sigsbee's first despatch, adding to our knowledge of the disaster. All we know is that the Maine blew up. There is abundant room for speculation of all sorts, but no conclusion can be arrived at until an examination has been made by the divers and more facts obtained. It is simple fact to say that such a thing might happen by design or it might happen by accident. As yet there is no indication of design. Therefore, my impression has been all along, and I rather think the general opinion preponderates in the same direction, that it must have been accidental. You may say there has been no secret cabinet meeting and that nothing has taken place in the cabinet that the public has not been informed about. The whole policy of the department has been to give the public all the despatches; but the department has no more knowledge on the subject of the cause of the disaster or even the circumstances attending it than have the public, and the report which was to the effect that Capt. Sigsbee had warned the department that the Maine was in danger from submarine mines or torpedoes is utterly without foundation, no such report ever having been received from him or from anybody else.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Halifax Herald: The Laurier government have introduced a new method into government administration. Sir Richard Cartwright has named it the "great gamble." Canada has had various kinds of politicians, but it remained for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to give this country "the gamblers."

Moncton Times: According to the government engineer's estimate of the cost, the Yukon tramway builders are to receive an acre of the richest gold-bearing land in the world for every dollar they will be called upon to spend. Besides, they will have a railway monopoly that, at a low estimate of traffic, will give them a splendid return on their whole investment.

The Empire, London: People are beginning to mention Lord Cromer's name in connection with the Viceroyalty of India. The present state of affairs does not seem to warrant the removal of Lord Cromer from Cairo, where he would be very difficult to replace. But should he leave Egypt, he would be more likely to accept the Governor-Generalship of Canada than the Viceroyalty of India, where the climate would probably prove too much for him.

Halifax Chronicle: The Zola trial has brought into prominence the military tyranny under which the Republic is laboring and the institutions of the country are receiving a severe blow. The people of France may soon ask themselves whether Republicanism is worth having in name when the actual ruler is a military mob. Judging by the exciting events of the past few days in that remarkable country, it is not unlikely that Paris will soon be the scene of even more extraordinary incidents. For the past year a fermentation has been going on and gradually the scum has come to the surface. It will need all the tact and sagacity of the statesmen of the Republic to guide the ship of state safely through the impending storm.

PERSONAL

Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, passed away on Thursday, aged seventy years.

The Guardian reports that Felix McDonald, a young lineman in the employ of the New England Telephone and telegraph Company was electrocuted on a pole in Gilman square, Somerville, Mass., at noon yesterday. The unfortunate man received a shock of 1800 volts and death was instantaneous. McDonald belonged to Prince Edward Island and had been working for the telephone company for the last two or three years in the western part of the State. He has two brothers, one living in Boston and the other in Providence, R. I. He was 25 years old, and unmarried.

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FRANCE AND THE LOWER NIGER.

(London Times.)

We have at last a definite public statement of the claims advanced by France in the negotiations with regard to West Africa which are taking place in Paris. The Temps, whose information is understood to be drawn directly from the French Foreign Office, has published an authoritative article, in the course of which the main object of French ambition upon the West Coast of Africa is frankly stated. According to the Temps, France has but one object in view in the negotiations. It is to "provide her establishments in the Soudan and Iadomey with an outlet on the navigable part of the Niger" (le Niger maritime), and this result is, we are told, rendered imperative by the heavy sacrifices which France has made during the past 16 years. An outlet for France on the Lower Niger even only mean the establishment of territorial communication between the French colony of Dahomey and the river. To effect this the British colony of Lagos must accept the fate which has already befallen the colonies of Gambia and Sierra Leon, and submit to have its Hinterland circumscribed by French possessions. Even if it were proposed under such an arrangement to leave us in undisturbed possession of Northern Bousa, there would be no means of maintaining direct communication with that country from the coast without traversing French territory. It was not to consider certain proposals for the further dismemberment of our West African possessions that Great Britain consented to reopen negotiations in Paris, but in the hope that by friendly means the evacuation of territories within our sphere would be obtained in the manner least wounding to the feelings of our neighbors. France has no right whatever to a territorial outlet on the Lower Niger; and it is absurd to claim it as a compensation for the efforts made by her during the last fifteen years in West Africa. That Great Britain, against whose interests the aggressions of France in West Africa have been opened directly, should be the Power at whose expense compensation for the sacrifices entailed by those aggressions is to be obtained is a proposal which could only be accepted on the hypothesis that Great Britain has lost the power to defend her legitimate possessions.

Supreme Court—Georgetown.

THURSDAY, Feb. 24.

Doyle vs. Kickham. The case was given to the jury at 5 o'clock this evening, who, practically under the Judge's direction, gave a verdict for the defendant. Matheson and Bentley for plaintiff; Morson Q. C., for defendant.

The Queen vs. William Burk. Indictment for wounding and causing actual bodily harm. Commenced this evening. McDonald, A. G., for the Crown, McLean, Q. C. and Matheson for prisoner.

HEARTZ'S HALL.—Ho, for Hertz's Hall on Monday night, next. A pleasant drive, a good concert and plenty of homemade candy. Teams will start from Geo. Raekham's store at 7 o'clock. Will all the friends who wish to be driven out kindly leave word with Mr. Raekham so that a sufficient number of teams may be provided?

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JOSEPH FOWER, Secretary. Fro. Tem.

Mermaid, Lot 45. 47-31

NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Full Electric Company of P. E. Island, will be held in the office of F. L. Hazard, Esq., on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1898, at 4 p. m., to transact such business as may come before the meeting.

W. DICKENSON, Managing Director.

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