

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JANUARY 30, 1891.

Record of Bye Elections.

In view of the rumor that a general election is impending, the following list of countries in which there have been bye-elections since the general election of 1887, will be interesting and instructive, and full of significance concerning the result of the coming contest:

Table with 2 columns: CONSERVATIVES and LIBERALS. Lists names of candidates and their constituencies for various regions like East Assiniboia, East Bruce, etc.

In short, there have been, since 1878, not less than fifty-three elections. These were held in British Columbia, the Territories, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—in every province except Prince Edward Island; and of these the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald won forty-three and the Opposition ten!

When the Liberal Conservatives were in opposition between 1874 and 1878 the tale was very different. Here is a list of the seats—

Here we see a net gain on the part of the Conservatives (then in opposition) of twenty-one seats; while five or six members who were elected as independent supporters of the government in 1874 went over to the opposition during the parliamentary term, so that the McKenzie government's majority at the end of the term was not more than one-half what it was at the beginning of the term.

A Conservative was contradicted when he stated, a few days ago, that if we had Unrestricted Reciprocity we should also have duties imposed on goods from Great Britain and other countries approximating to those imposed by the United States.

Returns from 370 representative farmers in Maine give an average value per acre of farm property, including buildings, of only \$15.25. Only ninety-eight of these farms have been yielding a profit, while 270 show an absolute loss, the average profits of the paying farms being \$233, and the average losses of the unprofitable farms \$310.

Social Gathering of Devonians.

In response to the invitation of the Rev. W. Hamlyn, about thirty Devonians met in St. Paul's Schoolroom last night for the purpose of spending a social evening. The proceedings were opened by the reading of letters of apology from several natives of Devonshire who were unable to be present, after which the well-known song, "Should old acquaintance be forgot," was sung by Miss Hamlyn, all who were present being invited to join in the chorus.

Band of Hope Entertainment.

The Entertainment given in St. Peter's School last evening by the members of St. Peter's Band of Hope attracted an audience which filled every seat in the room, and gave unmistakable evidence that the children's theatricals are still as popular as ever.

It is pleasing to see this Band of Hope, established by the Rev. George W. Hodgson, still vigorous. Long may it prosper and grow.

Spirit of the Press.

JOURNALISTIC AMENITIES.

Sometimes Mr. Pineo (of the News), puts B. A. after his name. In view of some things that have appeared in his organ of late, most people think the letters a contraction for "braying ass."

ON THE CHINESE PLAN.

Three Chinese laundries are now established in the city. John Lee and his brother arrived a few days ago and started business in a small shop on Brussels street. Both speak English on the Chinese plan.

Personal.

Mr. Brown, the well-known St. John civil engineer, is here on official business. He is at the Hotel Davies.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—10 a. m. Cloudy and mild with rain.

MALE FLIRTS.—A correspondent of the St. John Gazette, who signs her letter "A Young Lady Victim," is after the male flirts with a good sized club. She says: "What do you think of young men so vain of their form and position, who go after young ladies, just to make them think they are admiring, when they are only amusing themselves, and say so? One has been after me. He has walked, driven, skated, and in the most marked fashion paid attention, and now it turns out he was only amusing himself—flirting. A female flirt is bad enough, for she knows what she is doing. A male flirt is detestable, because he is playing havoc with a poor girl's warm young heart. Such fellows should be horsewhipped, or made to pay for their (fun?) in a court of law."

FUNERAL SERVICE.—The celebrant of High Mass at All Saints Church, Cardigan, yesterday, at the funeral of the late Hon. H. L. Macdonald, was his Lordship's Coadjutor Bishop Macdonald. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. D. J. Macdonald as deacon, Rev. M. J. McMillan as sub-deacon, and Rev. P. A. McElmeel as master of ceremonies.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY CONCERT on next Thursday evening should be well patronized by the citizens as they will probably enjoy a rich musical treat. Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" is one of the grandest pieces of composition of its kind in existence, and all music lovers should take advantage of the present opportunity to hear it.

CIVIC.—Mayor Haviland and the councillors elected on Wednesday, excepting Councillor Byrne, have already taken the oath of office. His Worship was sworn in by Mr. Justice Hensley, and he, in turn, administered the oath to the councillors named. Mr. Byrne will likely be sworn in this afternoon or to-morrow.

POLICE COURT.—This morning, Daniel Ferguson was fined \$2 or 8 days for assaulting John Evans on the 9th September last, and James Lafferty for assault and battery on William Rake, on the evening of the 28th inst., was fined \$5 and costs.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—The Christian Endeavor of the League will conduct their regular Friday night service in the basement of the Brick Church to-night, from 7.30 to 8.30.

SERVICES.—Upper Methodist Church to-night at 7.30. Rev. Mr. Spargo, of York, will conduct the meeting.

THE STANLEY did not leave Georgetown this morning, owing to the storm.

SCOTT ACT.—One Scott Act offender went down to jail last evening, and another to day.

No Crossing at the Capes to-day.

Great Britain and Her Colonies.

(From The Week.)

Whatever may be the future relations between Great Britain and the Colonies, only good can come of a closer acquaintance and an enlarged intercourse. We are glad to see many indications of this, so far, at least, as Canada and the Mother Country are concerned. The rapid growth of the trade in certain Canadian products, such as cattle, eggs, poultry, etc.,—a trade which is being stimulated by the McKinley tariff—has opened the eyes of Canadians to possibilities in this direction, of which they previously had but little conception.

The Farmer's Direct Taxes.

(From The Empire.)

In discussing the incomes and income tax payments for the farmers of Ireland, one of the organs of the Canadian opposition makes the following significant admission: "We all know that where people practically assess themselves for taxation they generally underestimate. It is safe to say that to get at the real truth we ought to add at least one-fourth to these figures."

Upon our agricultural population, now so lightly taxed, would press, under the Grit scheme of direct taxation, the great weight of the expenditure for public purposes. Instead of their contributions being less than those of the more luxurious townsmen, they would have to pay a larger share.

News Notes.

The United States Congress is to be asked to grant \$1,000,000 to aid the distressed settlers in Nebraska.

Mrs. Grace G. Ridley, of Amboy, awoke last Friday after a sleep of nine months. She wandered about but did not speak, and could eat nothing.

The subscriptions to Balfour's fund for the relief of the distressed people in Ireland have reached \$180,000.

The text of the alleged compromises between the two wings of the nationalists are as numerous as they are unreliable. No compromise has yet been reached, and the indications are that none will be effected until the present session of parliament is much older.

The headless body of a major in the Roumanian army was found on Saturday in the bath room in the Hotel Carol, in Custendji. Two orderlies, who are detailed as the major's body servants, were arrested on suspicion of having murdered the officer. One of the orderlies confessed, and said they had buried the dead man's head in the sand not far from the hotel. Revenge for ill-treatment received by the orderlies at the major's hands is supposed to be the cause of the murder.

The news that Opposition Leaders are in New York getting huddle to carry on the election may be questioned. They are, in all probability, conferring with their leader, Mr. Erastus Wiman, of New York, and also other members of the Party of Unrestricted Reciprocity resident in the States.

THE CARNIVAL in the rink at Victoria last night was very successful. There were between 60 and 70 skaters in costume. The rink was decorated with bunting, and the ice was in good condition. The Artillery Band furnished some choice music during the evening.

CARPET REMNANTS.—150 ends in 1 1/2 yd. lengths, just opened.—Harris & Stewart, London House, Jan 27, 31

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Another Letter From Mr. L. P. Tanton.

SIR.—Morality has descended to a very low ebb in Charlottetown when its (so-called) promoters can only sustain their ground by falsehood and slander. The Guardian has been charged—yes, more, proven—as guilty of flagrant, once even of criminal, misrepresentation. Under similar circumstances, a gentleman would promptly respond with an apology, admit his error, and make all possible reparation for the wrong done.

The Guardian says: "Mr. Tanton addressed no card to the electors." Neither did Mr. Haviland. Again it says: "What else could they do but assume that he held entirely opposite to Mayor Haviland?" During the canvass Mayor Haviland has extended to us all the courtesy of a gentleman. That he was eminently qualified for the position of Mayor in many respects we do not question. But there is not a Tanton in Charlottetown who does not hold views "exactly opposite to those of Mayor Haviland," the editor of the Guardian, and many of those designated as "representatives of the temperance party."

The Guardian asks for an explanation of the "cause of Councillor Byrne's visit to the defeated candidate." The visit referred to was never made, and is only a repetition of a slander carried from door to door by the scandal-mongers of both sexes. We do not know yet whether the Byrne family voted or not, but if they did the probability is that they cast their votes against Mr. Tanton side by side with Mr. H. B. Smith, Mr. Thos. Campbell and others whom the poll books will show. The "Hole in the wall" man, for whom the Guardian has such tender feelings, voted, I believe, for Mr. Tanton, only because the Guardian opposed him, but apart from his vote it is notorious that he did not turn a finger to secure his return. He even brought voters up against Mr. Tanton.

I include the Guardian's anonymous correspondents with his editorial utterances, assuming that when a man is too cowardly to sign his name to his statement that the editor assumes the responsibility, especially when he is personally aware of the untruthfulness of the statements.

They have commenced this business, we are prepared "to carry the war into Africa." L. P. TANTON.

Jan. 30, 1891.

Y. M. L. A.

—OF—

St. James' Church.

STEREOPTICON LECTURE,

—ENTITLED—

"To and Fro in Scotland,"

WILL BE DELIVERED BY

REV. H. DICKIE, B. A.,

Under the auspices of the above Society,

In St. James' Hall,

—ON—

MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 2nd,

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Fifty-Five Choice Views shown by a powerful Oxy-hydrogen Lime Light.

Ticket holders will please notice change of date. Admission, 15 cents. Jan 30

A Chance to Obtain a Farm at a Bargain.

THE subscriber offers for sale his Freehold Farm of 100 acres of land, fronting on Souris Road, and within one and a half miles of the village. There is a good Dwelling and Barn on the premises, and 20 acres of good hardwood.

Terms easy, and made known on application to the owner on the premises,

RICHARD E. LYONS,

or to

MATTHEW, McLEAF & CO.,

Jan 30—1w Souris.

Imported Seed Oats.

10,000 BUSHELS FINEST BLACK, now on the way from Great Britain. Orders booked at our office, where samples can now be seen.

Samples will also be mailed on application. CARVELL BROS. Jan 30—2w

IMPORTED SEED POTATOES.

CLARK'S NO. 1.—Samples are now on the way and will be shown in a few days. They are an earlier potato than the Early Rose, which they much resemble. CARVELL BROS. Jan 30—2i

Advertisement for White Goods featuring a large letter 'B' and the text: 'Our Annual Sale of WHITE GOODS WILL BEGIN Monday Morning, Feb. 2nd.'

Advertisement for Beer Bros. featuring a large letter 'B' and the text: 'We have been fortunate in securing several very attractive lots of EMBROIDERIES, FLOUNCINGS, etc., especially for this occasion. In nearly every line of Goods mentioned below we show unusual values. BEER BROS.'

Advertisement for Ladies' Ulsters and Jackets, As-trakan Jackets, Children's Ulsters, Men's Overcoats, Men's Fur Coats, Boys' Overcoats. Text: 'A lot came late and will have to be slaughtered. Our Second Floor is one of the best lighted rooms in the city, and you can see well what you are buying. HARRIS & STEWART.'

Advertisement for Solid Comfort featuring an illustration of a man sitting in a chair and the text: 'SOLID COMFORT Is in a Cup of Hot Fluid Beef. JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF Is Palatable, Strengthening, Grateful and Satisfying, the Drink to take when tired and used up.'

Advertisement for Taylor & Gillespie featuring the text: 'TAYLOR & GILLESPIE. We are making Special Reductions during this month on the binding of Magazines, Illustrated Papers, Periodicals, etc. TAYLOR & GILLESPIE, Sign of the Big Book, J. D. McLeod's Corner.'