

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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THE PROVINCIAL SITUATION.

PREMIER WARBURTON returned from Ottawa upwards of a week ago. But we have not yet heard the faintest intimation, official or otherwise, of the result of his mission. Indeed the object of his mission still remains in doubt. At first it was given out that the Premier merely wished to arrange some private matters; and then it was announced that he had appeared at the bar of the Privy Council to plead the claim of the Province to an increased subsidy. Which of these reports was correct, or whether there was truth in both, has not yet been discovered. We are utterly in the dark as to the likelihood of obtaining the million dollars upon the strength of which the Liberals were returned to office. The country is kept in like ignorance of the financial condition of the Province. While the financial returns of the Government of Canada, to the 31st of December last, have been published in The Gazette and throughout the country, there is not yet a whisper concerning the result of our Provincial operations in the past year. This is kept as a State secret, to be divulged only when the Legislature meets. Though a special act of the Legislature was passed, with a flourish of trumpets, for the purpose of enabling the government to publish the Provincial accounts, these accounts have been kept back to be sprung upon the people's representatives at short notice. The date of the meeting of our Provincial Legislature has not yet been announced, though every other Provincial Legislature in Canada has already held, or is now holding, its session of 1893. We are altogether backward and in the dark; and it is to be regretted that, despite the repeated representations and protests of the Press, no apparent effort is being made by the powers that be to improve the Provincial situation.

THE YUKON DEAL.

On the part of the contractors it is agreed "to lay out, construct, equip, and fully complete a line of railway, with proper terminal facilities, from the navigable waters of the Strickland river, in British Columbia, near the mouth of Telegraph creek, to the mouth of Clear Water river, thence running northward to the navigable waters of Teslin lake, a distance of about one hundred and fifty miles, more or less, on or before the first day of September, A. D., 1893, the said railway when fully completed to be one of the general standard and gauge of the Kaslo and Siccan railway, in British Columbia, and according to the specifications to be approved by the Minister of Railways; provided, also, that the said railway shall be the property of the contractors, but shall be subject to inspection and approved by an engineer to be named by the Minister of Railways and Canals before being accepted as complete by the Government; provided, further, that for the purposes of the season of 1893, and of complying with the requirements of this contract in respect to the completion of the line on or before the said first of September, it shall be sufficient if on or before that date the contractors have the rails laid in such a manner as will permit of regular and efficient operation of the railway, although the whole work be not fully completed, and if the said railway be sufficiently equipped for such operation; provided, also, between the points mentioned shall be such as the contractors may decide upon without filling plans thereof prior to completion, provided, that the grant of land hereby contracted for shall not be made upon a larger mileage than the Minister of Railways considers reasonably necessary for traversing the distance between the terminal points. On the part of the government it is agreed to give the contractors full corporate powers, and for each mile of said railway TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND, to be selected from the Yukon provisional district, and from that part of the North-West Territories of Canada lying west of the McKenzie river and Liard river, and north of the 60th parallel of latitude, such land to be and become vested in the contractors upon the said railway being completed and accepted as complete by the Government. There are other provisions in the contract—mostly for the protection and security of the contractors. It is to be noted that when the Minister of Railways brought down the bill to confirm this contract, he admitted that the Government did not know what it was giving the contractors, or what the railway will cost, or whether Canada has the right to transship goods at Wrangell to reach this railway, or whether it will be of any

practical advantage to the country. All that seems to be absolutely certain is that twenty-five thousand acres of land, in fee simple, is to be given for each and every mile of the tramway to be built!

A NOTED SCOTCHMAN GONE.

The Olan Times of a recent date reports the death of Mr. Eneas McDonnell, and says: "By his death is removed one of our noted land-marks and a memorial link with the past, and it will be some time before his like appears upon the scene again. He was a man very much beloved by all classes of the community—rich and poor alike. He was a striking and imposing personality. His tall and commanding figure and noble presence presented a picturesque appearance in Highland costume as he appeared in his younger days in Princes Street, Edinburgh, and was familiar to visitors to the Modern Athens, and much admired as a genuine specimen of the true Highland chieftain. And in his old age he retained much of the same noble bearing to the last, and in the highest degree came to be regarded as 'the old man handsome.' Coming of a very ancient race—the Chieftains of Glengarry, the heads of the Clan Donald,—he inherited and maintained their venerable traditions. His ancestors fought at the Battle of Bannockburn, and took part in the different Jacobite risings and suffered much for their loyalty to their lawful Prince and his cause. His great-grandfather, McDonnell of Scotus, was one of the noble chieftains who was butchered in cold blood by the 'bloody Cumberland' as he lay wounded and protectorless on the fatal field of Culloden." The deceased gentleman with his son visited this Province about sixteen years ago. They will be remembered in Georgetown as having, while there, gone to church, dressed in full Highland costume. Mr. McDonnell was a first cousin of Senator A. A. McDonald and of Messrs A. J., A. C. and Jas. E. McDonald.

—The Guardian has taken to itself THE EXAMINER'S reference to those "catchpenny newspapers" which advertise themselves by means of competitions in the schools as to current events,—and wants to know whether THE EXAMINER would "have the boys and girls read the newspapers?" To this question we say "yes;" but we question whether the "catchpenny plan" imposed upon the pupils of our schools is a means to cultivate the wholesome appetite for good newspaper reading which is desirable. A child impelled by a sordid motive to wade through newspapers for the purpose of finding out the answers to certain questions about matters in which he takes no interest is not, in our opinion, likely to develop into an ardent newspaper reader for the sake of the information and intellectual improvement afforded by the well-conducted journal.

—London despatch to the New York Evening Post says: "Paul Kruger's triumphant return to the presidency of the Transvaal, through expected, is of course not pleasant views for Englishmen, for the expectation is that he will persist in refusing, as long as he dare, the internal changes which Mr. Chamberlain long ago demanded on behalf of British capital in mining enterprises, and will pursue a line hostile to the British resolve to preserve the supremacy of South Africa. The first test of intentions and real strength is the struggle now pending between him and Chief Justice Kotze. As part of a long prepared plan, Justice Kotze submitted, on the eve of last week's election, an ultimatum to President Kruger, claiming the right of the high court to revise and set aside the legislation of the Volksraad. The truce between the president and the bench, which Chief Justice Villiers, of Cape Town, arranged, is now ended. If President Kruger refuses to yield, the bench will resign and a crisis is inevitable, out of which many developments may come at once or later.

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O, the ecstasy outrolled Through the forest arches gray, Flung across the frozen wold Gladdening the livelong day! Lads and lasses, laughing gay, Caught the buoyant, lulling line, Joined the joyous song to say—"I will be your Valentine!" Is it all "a tale once told," Vanished with the fann and fay? Has the glamour of gold Led the feet of man astray? Is the heart a clod of clay, And young Love no more divine? Comes the low, sweet answer, "Nay, I will be your Valentine!"

ENTOY. Sylvia, speak again, I pray! Raise those violet eyes of thine! Let me hear you whisper, "Yes, I will be your Valentine!" —Harper's Bazar.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Moncton Times: It would be interesting to know how much Mann and McKenzie contributed to the Grit election fund in Ontario in return for the four million acres of gold bearing land in the Yukon country which they are to get for nothing. The government engineer's report shows that the traffic alone will pay gold interest on the entire cost of the 150 miles of tramway which they undertake to build.

Ottawa Journal: One fears that Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann are in the position of the restaurant-keeper who charged a good-natured customer 65 cents for a plate of beans. The customer mildly remonstrated and asked why he was charged such an unheard-of price for such an ordinary low-priced dish. The restaurant-keeper took him aside and lowering his voice to a confidential whisper, said: "To tell you the truth, pardner, I need the money."

The New York Herald says: "The effect on American interests is wholly beneficial. Lord Salisbury has been our agent as well as the agent of his own country. Every triumph he has won, every point he has scored against Russia or Germany, every concession he has extorted, is a boon to the trade of this country with China, and one more promise of prosperity to the foreign commerce of the United States."

Harper's Weekly: It is proposed that Congress shall appropriate the sum of \$4,144,912 for sea coast defences, most of which is to be expended for new works and new guns. So far as this is essential no one will begrudge the money, but in the meantime there is not a sufficiency of artillerymen to take proper care of the forts and guns that the country already possesses. Common prudence makes it absolutely essential that the two new regiments of artillery asked for by Secretary Alger and General Miles be provided.

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Extensive Auction Sale. I am instructed to sell by public auction, on the premises of the late Ben E. Wright, East Salsbury, 3 miles Charlottetown, on Saturday, the 19th of February, A. D. 1893, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, the following among other articles: Four farm horses, 1 filly, 1 Bannister extra milch cows, 3 well bred heifers, 2 years old; 6 calves, well bred; 9 bred sheep, 3 brood sows in pig, 2 roughbred boar pigs, 12 young piglets, 1 robe, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 self feeding threshing machine, shaker and cle, 1 hay mower, 1 hay mower, 1 set fan, 1 wheelbarrow, 3 hay tedders, 1 seeder, 1 harrow combined, 1 set iron harrow, spring tooth harrow, 1 sprig harrow, 1 disc harrow, 2 ploughs, 1 farmer's boiler, 4 pitch forks, 1 hay fork and rope, 1 grindstone, 3 sets cart harness, 1 pad and breechen, 1 set driving harness, 3 pair chain traces, 1 potato digger, horse hoe, 1 roller, 2 setts swings, 1 plough, 1 express wagon, 1 bag, 2 carts, 1 truck and wheel, 1 driving sleigh, 2 wood sleigh, 20 tons hay, 500 bush. turpene, quantity of popatoes, quantity carrots, quantity wheat, 500 stooks of oats, hall furniture household furniture consisting of 1 Home Comfort Range, 1 hall stove, 1 parlor set, 1 side board, 3 mirrors, 1 sprayer, 1 ward robe, 2 bedsteads, 2 wash stands, 1 horse pistol, 1 weather glass, 1 spr glass; lamps, chairs, tables etc. 1 Franklin stove, 1 extension table, 2 round tables, 11 pictures, 4 curtains and poles, 2 clocks, 1 carpet, quantity of mats, lots of books, and various other articles too numerous to mention. Terms—All sums of \$5.00 cash, over \$5.00 twelve months credit on approved joint notes. F. H. HORNE, Auctioneer. Feb. 9 1893.—wky 21.

FOR SALE. Valuable Freehold Property, In Charlottetown. WRITTEN offers will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on the 18th of February, inst. for that property owned by the heirs of the late Mrs. Caroline Yeo, situated on the corner of Prince and Grafton Sts., together with the buildings thereon, one well known as Hobb's corner, and the other the Yeo Homestead. The property has a frontage of about 100 feet on Prince Street, and about 55 feet on Grafton Street. This is one of the best available sites in the city for a business block or hotel. GEO. STANLEY, Excavator. No 32 St. 2, 4, 5. LOST.—To-day, a purse containing \$12.50. Will find obliger by leaving it at this office. feb12-