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**THE ASYLUM COMMISSION**  
It is announced, after a long and inexcusable delay, that Dr. Conroy and Messrs Benjamin Rogers (Alberton) and D. P. Irving, (Vernon River) are the commissioners to investigate and report concerning the P. E. Island Hospital for the Insane. The qualifications of these gentlemen will be better judged by their inquiry and report than by the standard of preconceived ideas. Dr. Conroy is a physician of high character and excellent repute, and he will, we hope and believe, use his knowledge and judgment as independently of outside influences on behalf of the betterment of the condition of our unfortunate lunatics as he does in the case of the patients committed to his care. Than Messrs Irving and Rogers better representatives of our farming and mercantile interests are not available; and we may hope that the energy and good judgment which they have shown in relation to their private affairs will be exhibited in respect to a matter in which the honor and character of this province are involved.  
Of course a great deal will depend upon the scope of the inquiry; and that will, we presume, be defined by the Government. We hope that less attention will be devoted to the scandals of the past than to the improvements to be made in the future. The past is beyond recall; what the people of this Province desire is provision for the future care and cure of the unfortunates committed to the public charge. Let the recent charges be tried and the present condition of the institution be discovered, to the end that essential improvements may be judiciously made. With due regard to economy, necessitated by the fact that this is a small and poor Province, we should like to see the P. E. Island Hospital for the Insane so reformed that it will be up to date with the practice adopted in hospitals of the better class in this our age and generation.

**A NOTICE.**  
We beg to notify the Honourable Donald Farquharson, Premier of this Province, that the Honourable Hector C. McDonald has been appointed Judge of the County Court of Queen's County in the place of the late Judge Alley, and that in consequence the office of Attorney-General held by Mr. McDonald as well as the seat for the Fourth District of Queen's County have become vacant. We give this intimation to Premier Farquharson for fear he may be as ignorant in the matter as Sir Wilfrid Laurier appeared to be regarding the vacancy in the Queen's County judgeship when on the 31st of July he stated in the House of Commons that he had no notice of the vacancy notwithstanding the fact that he had been in communication for months previously with persons here in respect to the matter. We trust Premier Farquharson, now that his attention has been directed to the vacancy, will not only fill it promptly, but also call on the election for Belfast, as there has been, no time at which the district needed a representative more than the present.

**A QUESTION.**  
SIR LOUIS H. DAVIES, takes the credit of obtaining the grant for the Belfast Railway which is in East Queen's. Now, will he please explain why he did not obtain a similar benefit for Stanley Bridge and New London, which form part of his own constituency?  
—The Yukon Sun has received oats four feet high and well headed, grown in the Yukon, and barley a few inches shorter. They were sown June 1.

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AT WINDSOR.**

A BETTER site for a trio of educational institutions could hardly be found than Windsor, Nova Scotia. Situated in the Valley of the Avon, and surrounded by a stretch of beautiful farms, and possessing stores of a very high class, together with many hospitable homes, it gives to those students who come either to King's College or to the Collegiate School for boys, or to Edgehill, the school for girls, all the advantages of town and country.

These three institutions are situated about half a mile to the east of Windsor,—the first and second on two separate hills and the third on the valley between. There are many beautiful spots within a radius of one to three miles from the town, and to go to any of these makes a most enjoyable walk or drive. Below the reservoir, from which the town gets its water supply, are the Falls. These, though not very high, are nevertheless well worthy of the love which picnic goers have for them. Perhaps to say that they are a miniature but substantial representation of the Niagara Falls would be the best way to describe them. Then there are the gypsum quarries at Wentworth, Fort Edward and many other historic buildings and places in and about Windsor, to visit any of which is both interesting, instructive and beneficial.

King's College, or rather the University of King's College, is, as everyone well knows, the oldest English university in Canada. In it have been educated, in years gone by, many of Canada's most famous men. The staff of professors is at present a very efficient one, and students either in the schools of Arts, Engineering or Science have a good chance in their respective branches. Of course the college has not, and does not claim to have, such facilities for illustration as have large institutions as McGill, Harvard and the like; but it claims, and justly, that this loss is more than made up by the personal supervision that the professors have over students, by the lack of the distractions which are bound to exist for young and growing minds in a large city, by the advantages of always having fresh air to breathe and a beautiful country to keep the most industrious bookworm from spoiling himself for future usefulness, and by the residential system which, in itself, is an immense advantage.

The college is under the influence of Church of England; and its members attending are required to go to chapel every day, morning and evening. We understand, however, that members of any other denomination who wish to take a course in the college are exempted from this duty. The Michaelmas term begins on the first Saturday in October and students are required to be in residence by the following Monday.

One of the chief educational men in Halifax, and a well known and recognized authority in all educational matters, soon after Miss Lefroy had become the Lady Principal of Edgehill, was heard to remark that he considered the system used at the school to be the best of its kind in the Maritime Provinces. That this opinion was well founded could easily be believed by anyone who witnessed the closing exercises of the school last June. In the first place, the young ladies had the look of health and happiness about them which betokened wholesome food and sufficient outdoor exercise. Then, in the school examinations most creditable work had been done. Perhaps the best indication of this was the announcement that ten of the senior girls had passed the senior local examination of King's College, and had thus been admitted as associates in arts in that university. This examination covers about as much ground as

that which is called "Responsions" and which is taken near the end of the second year of the ordinary arts course. One of the young ladies who passed this examination was Miss Marjorie Stewart, of Stratgartney, in this Province. The work required for this is general and comprehensive, and yet must be done thoroughly. Miss Lefroy, who was for many years connected with the Cheltenham Ladies College, is assisted in her work by a staff of nine or ten resident lady governesses.

The Collegiate School, for boys, is also in a flourishing condition. Mr. Handsomebody, who has been head master for two years, has proved himself to be painstaking and thoroughly efficient. The discipline is excellent, and boys attending the school are well taken care of both physically and mentally. Not a day passes without regular exercise in the gymnasium under the supervision of Sergeant Cunningham, a skilled instructor. Then, in the autumn, football is played and in the spring cricket,—and in these games great interest is taken. Last autumn the Collegiate School team won nearly all the matches it played against outside teams, notwithstanding the fact that these were, in nearly every instance, composed of much larger and older boys. Perhaps most praise should be given to the success which the school is having in pursuing its main object, viz., of fitting and preparing boys either for the universities or for entering upon the study of any profession or business. Good work was done last June both in the examinations for entrance to King's College and to the Royal Military College at Kingston.

**OUR JAILS AND POORHOUSE.**

THE EXAMINER, several weeks ago, expressed the hope that the commissioners in the asylum matter would be authorized to report upon the whole subject of the reform and improved management of our Provincial institutions, including the jails and the poorhouse. These institutions are antiquated, expensive and the reverse of creditable to Prince Edward Island. But there has been no intimation that the Farquharson Administration will adopt a reasonable and practical suggestion. The season is now so far advanced that it will be impossible to act upon the report of the Commissioners in time to afford relief for our unfortunate lunatics before the cold winter sets in. Consequently there will be ample time to go into the whole matter and to formulate a general scheme of improvement applicable to all, as well as to one of the public institutions referred to before action can be taken next spring.

**SIR RICHARD—NOT IN IT.**

At the beginning of his Toronto speech Sir Richard Cartwright said:  
"Mr. President, there is an old saying that onlookers, at any rate if those onlookers know anything of the game, see more than those who play. (Laughter.) Now for a period of some three years back I have myself been rather a badly crippled man, and in consequence have been to a certain extent occupying the role of onlooker."  
From this remark of his it has been fairly inferred by the St. John Sun that "whatever Sir Richard may say in extenuation of the acts of his colleagues, it is evident that he desires the public to understand that he is not himself in "the game." The St. John Sun adds: "No mistake need be made in the future. Honest men have little to hope from Sir Richard. He is an "onlooker." He sees the game; but it is Mr. Tarte, Mr. Blair and Mr. Sifton, with the Pacauds, the Prestons, the Farris, and the whole "business is business," "keep your man low" fraternity, who play it.

**POULTRY FATTENING**

SOME persons had begun to fear that the idea of having experimental poultry fattening stations was not to be realized this year. But we are glad to note that Professor Robertson left Ottawa yesterday for the Maritime Provinces, and that chicken fattening is to be the object of his mission. He will be here in the course of a day or two. It is expected that he will address meetings and take steps to inaugurate the chicken-fattening movement.

—Mr. McMullen, the economist of the Rideau Hall crockery account, should expect to be turned out at the next parliamentary election. Speaking for his party in 1896 he exclaimed: "If we do not give you reciprocity in three years and reduce the expenditure to thirty-five million dollars, turn us out, gentlemen, turn us out." There is no reciprocity, though the three years are up. The expenditure is not down to thirty-five, but up to sixty millions. Mr. McMullen must go.

—There are quite a number of Road Supervisors, Overseers and Tax gatherers in Charlottetown today. They are in by invitation, and form a large portion of the Liberal convention for East Queen's.

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