

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 26, 1894.

THE RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

We have no doubt that Mr. Hunt expresses the feeling of the people of Summerside and the Province at large. He says that he was "disappointed" when he learned that the winter time table of last year had been renewed. "Disappointed" is the word, though some persons will be disposed to add "dismayed."

The time table which we publish today is slightly better than that of last year, in that passengers will have a little longer time to stay in Summerside and that the train from the West will arrive at Charlottetown forty minutes sooner—that is to say, at 3.30 o'clock, local time, or half an hour after the banks close. But this will not make it more attractive of traffic. To all intents and purposes it is a timetable calculated to drive traffic away from the railway. As such it was not, we feel sure, advised by the Superintendent.

Passenger trains are practically not less in number on the Intercolonial Railway in winter than in summer. On the Oxford branch railway, between Oxford and Picton, there are two trains each way every day; why not two trains between the larger towns and through the more thickly settled country from Charlottetown and Summerside?

The unfairness of the arrangement, when compared with that of trains on the mainland, is evident. The attention of the Government cannot have been called to it. We sincerely hope that it will at once be reconsidered. The condemnation of such men as Mr. Hunt ought to be sufficient to influence the Administration to interfere for the purpose of restoring the train to run between Charlottetown and Summerside.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Montreal Gazette: Those who are predicting evil to the Bowell Government because its head is English-speaking and a Protestant, will please note that the first congratulatory formally extended to the new Premier were those of the Chd. Carier, whose members are French-speaking and Catholic. The Conservative party is neither united nor divided by religious lines.

—The Empire: Senator Donald Ferguson, at a recent banquet in Charlottetown, paid some timely attention to the opposition policy of Commercial Union. The Senator takes in reading the signs of the times before Sir Richard Cartwright had spoken. He took particular pains to pin the Liberal leader in his particular country—Mr. Davies—down to his attitude on the Commercial Union question at the time the Liberals made it their trade policy. The Senator has not only pinned Mr. Davies down, but he has performed the operation so dexterously that Mr. Davies will find it impossible to extricate himself.

NOW FOR CANADIAN SONGS.

The Canadian National League to Collect Anything and Everything in the Line of the Sub-committee of the League on "The collation of national and patriotic songs" have got to work and, unlettered by the preliminary survey of even this wide field, will include within the scope of their enquiries not only all hitherto published songs of strictly national or patriotic character but such of these as may yet be in the authors' music or verse MS. They also desire to glean among the trove of Canadian ballad and lyric poetry—published or latent—such material as may be adapted to be set to music. They hope their enquiries may bring to light much valuable and perhaps hitherto generally known material out of which may be formed a collection of national song literature worthy of the name and a credit to the country. As the task is a heavy one and the labor solely one of love, not money, the committee earnestly desire, and will gratefully welcome the co-operation of all Canadians in this patriotic work. They would thank the press to make it widely known that anyone having copies of verse or music as may even in the slightest degree be thought applicable and useful, or possessed of information as to probable sources from which such material can be obtained, will confer a favor by sending them and, communicating with any of the following members of the committee: W. D. Lightfoot, M. A., B. C. L., (chairman); Messrs. R. A. Beckwith, A. E. Grafton, S. M. Baylis, W. H. Smith, or the honorary secretary, H. J. Ross, P. O. Box 457, Montreal.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. F. Coombs is here on a business trip. He is registered at the Queen Hotel. The Daily Telegraph says Lord Randolph Churchill suffers with a malady of the throat that is causing extreme anxiety. When the steamship Majestic touched at Queenstown on Thursday last, a beautiful basket of flowers was handed to Miss Thompson from the Countess of Aberdeen and the Council of the Irish Industrial Association. Father Burke, of Allerton, received the following from Ottawa after his return to his home: "Lady Thompson desires me to convey to you her grateful thanks for your kind words of sympathy with her in the hour of her great affliction."

The Canada Gazette received today reports: "The Honourable Donald Ferguson, a member of the Senate of Canada; to be a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada." We regret that his amount does not give pleasure to the grins of the Patriot kick.

Warning to Women.

Ladies who appreciate the high quality of Priestley's name is stamped on every five yards. Instances are not unknown where Priestley's trade mark "The Vanished Beard" has been used the second time with inferior goods wrapped upon it. Teacher—Now, boys, who was Columbus? No answer. Teacher (prompting)—The man that—Class (readily)—Broke the bank at Monte Carlo!—N. Y. Recorder.

The Modern Mother.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

FUNERAL OF THE PREMIER. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Ceremonies at St. Dunstan's.

A correspondent at Portsmouth telegraphs: "So soon as the funeral train was signalled outside of Portsmouth at 11.20 a. m., all the ships in the harbor halted their engines and the first of the twenty minute guns boomed a salute across the water. At this sound all the flags ashore were dipped. When the funeral train arrived at the Jetty extension the mourners had a full and splendid view of the harbor with the first-class cruiser Blenheim in the foreground and the Queen's yacht Albert alongside the quay. The warships alone formed an imposing spectacle, but it was greatly added to by the long lines of naval and military officers representing all branches of the two steamers who were drawn in front of large detachments of marines and blue jackets detailed as guards of honor. Shortly after the arrival of the funeral train, however, there was a heavy down-pour of rain, but it was only a shower and soon passed off, though it detained the procession for several minutes. Then the officers and the Blenheim gave several sharp orders and eight blue jackets removed the coffin from the funeral train and a procession was formed, headed by the Bishop of Portsmouth, a full purple robe. He was followed by a number of ecclesiastics. Behind them came the coffin, borne by six sailors, and on either side of it walked the pallbearers, Messrs. Sanford Colmer and Just on one side, and Sir Fred Young and John Howard and Mr. Reynolds, Sir Charles Tupper's secretary, on the other. Behind the coffin walked Lord Pelham Clinton, Master of the Queen's Household, who represented the Queen Victoria. Also representing the Queen in this procession was Major-General Sir John McNeill, the Queen's query. After these officers followed the other mourners. As the procession moved the quiet was broken by the crashing discharge of guns from the Queen's ship, the Victoria, and all the other ships in and about the harbor dipped their ensigns while the Blenheim half-masted the Canadian ensign at the muzzle, and at half-masted the Union Jack. The massed lands ashore played a dead march and the marines and sailors reversed their arms. All the sailors and marines wore caps bowed upon their sleeves. The naval and military officers then gathered about the quay of the Blenheim, which was moored to the South Jetty, and saluted the coffin as it was slowly conveyed on board. While this was being done there was another crash of artillery and more funeral music from the bands. The Blenheim presented a most impressive appearance. She was painted black fore and aft and her sides were draped with black cloth. From the gangway to the mortuary chamber prepared for the reception of the coffin, a black carpet was laid. The coffin was received on board the Blenheim by the officers of that vessel. It was carried on board between two files of marines, with reversed arms, while the sailors and marines of the cruiser, drawn up on the upper deck, saluted the coffin. The procession halted on the main deck and the coffin was lowered by blue-jackets into the captain's cabin, which had been set apart for a mortuary chamber, as already cabled. Black ropes were used by the sailors in lowering the casket into its resting place. A solemn service followed in the mortuary chamber, but only a few of those present were able to attend, as the space at their disposal was very limited. From 11.30 until noon to-day, a funeral knell was tolling from Westminster Abbey in honor of the late Sir John Thompson. It transpires that Her Majesty Queen Victoria personally bore all the expenses incident to conveying the remains of the late Canadian Premier from Windsor to London.

MIDNIGHT MASS.

Midnight Mass of Christmas at St. Dunstan's Cathedral was celebrated with much grandeur. The sanctuary was tastefully decorated and the altar was a blaze of light. His Lordship Bishop Macdonald, in honor of the late Sir John Thompson, discharged the different functions required in a solemn pontifical mass. At the gospel the Rev. Dr. Doyle, of Vernon River, preached an instructive sermon on the festival of the day, winding up with heartfelt wishes for the peace and happiness of the congregation. The choir was assisted on the occasion by an orchestra of six pieces. The Kyrie, Gloria, and Credo were taken from Haydn's First Mass—a work to which critics have assigned the first place among the religious works of that author. The well-known Adele Fideles, as classically arranged by Novello, was performed at the offertory. The Sanctus of Weber's Mass in G was followed by the Benedictus of Gounod's Messe Solennele. This latter composition is one of remarkable simplicity and beauty. It was rendered on this occasion by the choir without accompaniment, forming thus a striking contrast to the other parts of the service. The selection of the "Agnus Dei" and "Dona Nobis" of Mozart's First Mass for the closing music of a Christmas service was a happy one. It is a tuneful, sparkling and cheerful composition. While the Bishop sang, Lord Pelham's "Chorus of Orators" was sung.

This classical programme was well rendered, the voices and accompaniments blending well together throughout. The organist, Mr. Blanchard, deserves much credit for the efficient training which has led up to such a performance of classical music as that heard in St. Dunstan's Cathedral on Christmas morning.

Keep your blood pure and healthy and you will not have rheumatism. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives the blood vitality and richness.

Remember the closing sale of apples, Ac., to-morrow, by A. McNeill, Auctioneer. Messrs. Barret & Champion wish their friends the compliments of the season. See their change of ad. in this issue.

"My face is my fortune, sir," she said. Said he, "So is mine; I'm drumming up trade."

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THE MEDICAL ACT.

Mr. Editor,—Is it right to have a law on our statute book for the protection of one class of men, viz. doctors? and this law one that interferes with the rights and freedom of the public? Why should doctors require such a law? Is their skill not sufficient for their protection? Oh, they say, this law was intended for the safety of the public, to prevent fraud and deception being practised by quacks. Who asked for this act, the doctors or the people? Who is it that now seeks the protection and shelter of the law? Why has there been a procession under the Medical Act? Has there been fraud and deception practised on anyone? Oh, no, nothing of the kind; but simply because some of the sick saw fit to employ Dr. Rossin. And what is the result of this procession? Do the doctors try to show that the safety of the public is in danger by this man? Do they attempt to charge him with maltreatment? No, the only charge they can bring against him is that he practised medicine contrary to the provisions of the Medical Act, or in other words he does not belong to the Medical Association and has no diploma. What do witnesses on the stand say of this man? We have the sworn testimony of a large number of his patients to his wonderful skill. There are no complaints of fraud, neglect or over charges. All are satisfied. We have the sworn testimony who think this man should get no pay, no matter how much good he may do. The money then appeared to be the whole trouble as may be seen by section 42 of the Medical Act. "Nothing in this act shall prevent anyone from giving necessary medical or surgical aid, or attendance to anyone in urgent need of it, or in a such aid or attendance to anyone in need of it for hire or for the giving of it, if made a business or way of gaining a livelihood by such person."

Richard Hest, Summerside, December 25th, 1893.

SOMETHING MEAN.

"Messrs. McKinnon & McLean have closed their foundry until Wednesday afternoon. We are also informed that men were discharged from the P. E. I. R. on Saturday. These movements do not indicate brisk times. It looks as if the winter would be a hard winter for the working man."

—The above is the Patriotic's Xmas box to the masters and workmen of Charlottetown.

Does the editor of the Patriot know that once a year all steam boilers have to be overhauled and thoroughly cleaned out? (Did the editor or reporter ever take a dose of salts?) If so, he will know what this means.

That the above report will go abroad and be the text for long editorials in the Liberal press, will no doubt be a source of pleasure to the Patriot people. But we trust, Mr. Editor, that you will send your reporter around to the different factories and see if there is not a better story to tell.

THE TWO RECORDS.

—In comparing the Grit and Conservative records, the rule invariably adopted is to give the value of the aggregate trade of both administrations. But a few words, I think, will suffice to show that the correct way to contrast the two political records would be to give the volume of the trade of both records. This has been explained by a Mr. Giffin, Secretary of the Board of Trade of England. This gentleman obtained the customs returns of certain enumerated articles of import and export from 1872 to 1886, calculated carefully what the trade returns would amount to each year at the prices of 1873, and shows clearly that in the case of exports they were 45 per cent. more than in 1873, and in the case of imports about 64 per cent. This comparison made in regard to England, may be taken as a fair index of the disparity in prices between the present period and twenty years ago. So, if we compare the trade of this country at the prices of 1873, we will find that it will closely approximate to three hundred millions.

Having prefaced my remarks thus, I will proceed to make what I intended at the outset, a brief comparison of the Grit and Conservative records. It has always been the contention of the Grits that the United States trade of 1873 was the cause of all their financial troubles. But an examination of the trade returns of the Dominion will show that this country was blessed with prosperity that year and also the year following. But although business commenced to revive about this time in the neighboring republic, our trade returns show a gradual decline during the entire Grit administration, as the following trade list will prove:

Table with columns for Year, Total Trade, and Percentage Change. Includes data for 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894.

Now, sir, it cannot fail to excite the surprise of every intelligent elector in this country that the above decline would be so great, when we consider that agricultural products to the value of over sixty (60) million dollars were allowed to come in here duty free, articles which are almost excluded now by protective duties.

The next question is, what contributed to this decline? The panic of 1873 had filled the United States warehouses with unsalable goods for which there was no market in this country. So the Americans adopted the expedient of sending them into Canada, and our Grit friends, instead of placing the necessary restrictions upon such useless importations, imposed duties on necessary articles, and to show their zeal for tariff reform they sent articles which were not required, but which were produced in this country in abundance, on the free list—the result being that the trade was diverted from proper channels, our Grits languishing and the official designs traversing the length and breadth of this country as if some dire pestilence had invaded our national precincts, as the following list of the bankruptcies most conclusively demonstrates:

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SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. The Newfoundland Banks. Sr. John's, Dec. 26. Receiver-General Scott, of the Legislative Assembly, says he believes that the Union Bank and Commercial Bank will show a far healthier condition than was imagined.

Y. M. C. A. Building Burned. NEW YORK, Dec. 26. The Young Men's Christian Association building at Albany, one of the finest on the continent, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Christmas at Halifax. HALIFAX, Dec. 26. The weather here yesterday was most dismal. Rain fell all day long.

GRAND RUSH

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OUR MOTTO!

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P. E. Island Railway.

On and after THURSDAY, 2nd December, 1894, the trains of this Railway will run daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:

Table with columns for Trains Outward, Trains Inward, and Arrival/Departure times. Includes routes to Charlottetown, Summerside, and other stations.

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