

Local and Other Items.

LOYAL CRUSADERS on Monday evening at 6.30.

RECITAL.—Don't forget Miss Maloney's recital on Tuesday.

SALVATION ARMY.—The Salvation Army meeting will begin at 7 tomorrow evening.

CHURCH PARADE.—No 2 Artillery will meet for drill tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the drill hall.

LITERARY CONTEST.—At Victoria Division S. of T. on Monday evening. All Sons of Temperance invited to be present.

SONG SERVICE at the Gospel Meeting in Prowse's New Block tomorrow afternoon at 3.45. Strangers always welcome.

W. C. T. U.—Members of the W. C. T. U. will please meet at the parlors at 2 p.m. next Monday to begin work for the April Fair.

ADDRESS IN ZION CHURCH.—A meeting to be addressed by Miss Layton Missionary to Trinidad will be held in Zion Church next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

GOSPEL MEETING.—Remember the Gospel meeting in Prowse's new block, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Strangers always welcome. Lesson, John 5:40 Life.

PORK PACKING.—The Agriculturist says that Mr. M. C. Delaney, of North Tryon, is endeavoring to make arrangements for the establishment of a pork packing business at Summerside, and expects to have it under way in a very short time.

CATHEDRAL CONSECRATED.—St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, was consecrated on Thursday, the ceremonies being of an especially impressive character. In this connection it may be pointed out that when Archbishop O'Brien was appointed there was a debt of \$80,000 on the Cathedral. This has all been paid off and the building has been improved and beautified. About one hundred visiting clergy were present, including Bishop Macdonald, of Charlottetown, and Rev. R. B. Macdonald, of Rustico.

A few pairs of chickens from the poultry fattening station will be on sale at the Charlottetown market on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Cloth tame, children's and misses opened today.—T. J. Harris, London House.

Miss Burris will be at the Florida Hotel, Pownal, on Tuesday, 24th inst., at 1 p.m. for the purpose of meeting the ladies and gentlemen desirous of joining her class in dancing and deportment.

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FALSE IDEAS EXPLODED.

Interesting Interview with Hon. Senator Ferguson.

A representative of THE EXAMINER waited upon Senator Ferguson yesterday afternoon and asked him if he would kindly make a statement regarding the Patriot's allegation that Mr. Foster had, in his recent speech at Toronto, declared that his estimate for the Prince Edward Island Railway branches had never been before Council in 1896.

The Senator replied: "I have read these statements and have the speeches of Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Foster before me. The Patriot's contention is, to put it mildly, a stupid distortion of what the speakers said. Sir Richard Cartwright did not say that \$2,500,000 for the Prince Edward Island branches was included either in the supplementary estimates or in the list of Railway subsidies for the year 1896-97, prepared, but not submitted during the first session of 1896. Here are Sir Richard Cartwright's words as given in the Patriot of the 29th August last:

"I have, also, Mr. Foster's main estimates which amounted for the year 1897 to the sum of \$38,358,548. I have also Mr. Foster's supplementary estimates which amounted to the sum of \$4,600,000. I have here Mr. Foster's statement that he would ask for capital expenditure the sum of \$2,819,000. I have here, too, the list of the railway subsidies which were brought down to the tune of \$2,772,000. I have here a list of the P. E. Island railways—seven branches aggregating 127 miles—which from past experience, I am very sure under the management of Sir Charles Tupper would not have been constructed for less than two and a half million dollars."

These are Mr. Foster's words in reply. I am quoting from the Montreal Daily Star of September 19th:

"Sir Richard declared that there were four millions and odd of supplementary estimates which I did not bring down, but which I had prepared to be brought down. Sir, I made a statement in answer to that in the House of Commons, and I told Sir Richard and Mr. Fielding that those tables were simply the calls of the Departments made upon them from the various sources aggregated together to be sent to the Council and to be passed upon by the Council as to what, if any, of these amounts would be submitted to the House at all."

Senator Ferguson continued: "You will see that all Sir Richard said was that he had a list of seven branches in Prince Edward Island, aggregating 127 miles. The estimate of their cost he does not claim to be Mr. Foster's, but his own. Mr. Foster's reply only dealt with the supplementary estimate, and later on with the railway subsidies. But neither gentleman said that two and a half million dollars for the Prince Edward Island railway branches was included in the one or the other; and Mr. Foster does not say, either directly or impliedly, that the vote for the Prince Edward Island branch railways was not before the Council.

What was the action of the Conservative Government regarding the Island branch railway?

Senator Ferguson: In 1895 the question of the construction of these branches was brought before the Government by memorials and deputations from the Island. Mr. A. Martin, now M. P., Mr. A. A. McLean, Dr. Jenkins and Mr. R. Hunt appeared before a committee of the Council consisting of the Messrs. Foster, Haggart and myself and were interviewed by the Prince Edward Island members and senators. As a result of this representation, Mr. Schreiber was asked to make an estimate of the cost and probable earnings of the seven branches. This he did immediately. His report was submitted to the Council and, subsequently to Parliament by the Minister of Railways, who there announced that, in his opinion, Prince Edward Island was entitled to these works, and that whenever the Government would be ready to submit votes to Parliament in aid of railways, Prince Edward Island would receive due attention.

In 1896 the matter came again before Council, when it was decided to build the seven branches within the next Parliament term;—and it was agreed that \$250,000 should be placed in the supplementary estimates to start the work in 1896-97.

Then there is no truth in the Patriot's statement about what Sir Richard Cartwright or Mr. Foster said in Toronto?

Senator Ferguson: None whatever; and besides, Mr. Foster, Mr. Haggart, and Mr. McKenzie Bowell said in Parliament this year, that the late Government had settled its policy regarding Prince Edward Island branch railways on the line and in the manner I have indicated. Why? In 1896, Mr. Haggart gave notice of a resolution authorizing the construction of these branches, which is to be found in the proceedings of the House of Commons; and the Department of Justice prepared a bill to the same effect, a copy of which recently appeared in THE EXAMINER.

What about Sir Richard's estimate of the cost of the Prince Edward Island branches?

Oh! said the Senator, that is one of stretches of Sir Richard's imagination. Mr. Schreiber's estimate, as submitted to Parliament, was \$1,088,000.

What do you think of Mr. D. A. McKinnon's claim that the people of Belfast and Murray Harbor should support the Liberals on account of their action regarding the Belfast railway and bridge over the Hillsborough.

Senator Ferguson: Mr. McKinnon's appeal is too shallow for serious consideration. The Liberals were compelled to do something on account of the policy of the late Government, and they have done it something very tardily and very inefficiently.

ly. Mr. McMullen, Liberal M. P., gauged their action accurately when he gave them credit, in Parliament, for stopping all the Prince Edward Island branches except one. He might have gone further and clapped them on the back for spoiling the one they did not stop. The Conservative plan was to build a railway from Southport to Murray Harbor, with a cross line connecting the present railway near New Perth, touching at or near Montague Bridge. No railway for the south is sufficient without the cross line.

I suppose you have noticed the claim that Mr. McKinnon makes about his own part in promoting the railway?

Senator Ferguson: Oh yes! one would think he did everything, judging by his speeches and letters. What a nincompoop Sir Louis Davies must be, if half of Mr. McKinnon's statements are true.

As an old politician, what do you think of the demand of the Attorney General that he should not be opposed?

Senator Ferguson: It is ridiculous, under the present circumstances. He has taken office under a government which has not been approved of by the people at a general election. On the other hand, it is clear from the bye-elections that the country is overwhelmingly against Mr. Faughterson. The plain fact that the government cannot survive the loss of any one of the three seats now practically vacant imposes a solemn duty on the electorate to oppose and defeat the Attorney General, and thus put an end to the present farcical and ruinous administration of public affairs.

THE LAKE HURON

Will be Here on Monday—Estimated Value of Her Cargo.

The Elder-Dempster steamer Lake Huron expected here tomorrow, has been delayed by a break in the canal and will not be due before Monday at noon. She will have a large freight from this port, the value of which may be estimated as follows:—

1600 sheep	\$6,400
100 head cattle	4,000
2000 boxes cheese	17,000
1000 pigs butter	7,500
3 tons poultry	600
1800 cases eggs	7,560
1000 bags oats	1,200
1200 cases canned meats	1,200
25 standard deal	750
50 tons hay	400
100 bbls oysters and vegetable	200
60 lbs apples	180
3 tons dry fish	240
60 cases cranberries	300
Total	\$58,330

The principal shippers are E. Wheatley, Jno. Wheatley, Carvell Bros., H. Hazard, Robert Jenkins, Auld Bros., J. A. Farguharson, H. W. Logsworth, J. H. Myrick & Co., George M. Keen, Robt. Sharp, A. A. McDonald Bro., C. R. Dickie and N. Rattenbury.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. J. Hughes, of Souris, is in town. Mr. Berj. Hertz has returned from Calgary.

Mr. Geo. F. Owen, of Cardigan, is visiting the city.

Mr. John Hackett, of Tignish, is visiting Charlottetown.

Mr. M. J. Foley, ex-Collector of Customs at Souris, is in the city.

Bishop Macdonald and Rev. R. B. Macdonald returned last evening from Halifax.

Mr. D. M. Preston, the well known clothing man, is here on one of his regular business trips.

Dr. R. D. McLaughlin, of St. Peter's Bay, has returned home after spending four weeks at the Polytechnic Medical School, New York City.

Queen Hotel.—L. E. Dystant, Halifax; J. J. Hughes, Souris; M. J. Foley, Souris; Geo. F. Owen, Cardigan; Mrs. J. Stewart, Mallaston Mass; John Hackett, Tignish.

Davies Hotel: A. J. King, Halifax; Lawrence J. Levy, Toronto; D. F. McDonald, Montague; Byron N. Barnes, Montreal; E. W. Veener, Bradalbane; D. M. Preston, Montreal; Mrs. B. McLellan, Souris; Mrs. Jno. McCormack, Souris; J. A. Choquette, Montreal; F. R. Dearborn, W. S. Scott, W. R. Wilson St. John; R. A. March, Hampton; Walter Radford, Montreal; John Louison, Montreal; Arthur Kendall, Sydney.

Mr. Leslie E. McLeod, for some time associate editor of the Summerside Journal, and who has latterly been connected with several horse papers published in the United States, died in Bellevue Hospital, New York, on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. McLeod was 37 years of age. He was an excellent authority on all matters pertaining to the horse and a first-class writer. Particulars as to the cause of death are not at hand.

WELL WORTH SEEKING.—Two pearls, Flemish Beauty, grown in the garden of Mr. H. W. Vinnicombe, are on view in the show window of the Apothecaries Hall. One weighs 15½ ounces and the other 14 ounces. They are beauties in every sense of the term.

Weary of Experimenting

With salves, suppositories and ointments and dreading a surgical operation, scores and hundreds have turned to Dr. A. W. Chase's ointment and found it an absolute cure for piles. The first application brings relief from the terrible itching, and it is very seldom that more than one box is required in effect a permanent cure.

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ELECTION AT BAZAAR.—The contest for the most popular political leader closed last evening. The vote stood: Sir Charles Tupper.....457 Sir Wilfrid Laurier.....405

THE FOAM.—The scrub Foam, previously reported ashore near Sea Cow Head, has been purchased by Mr. Benj. Sharp, of Summerside, who expects to get her off with a high tide. The price he paid is said to have been trifling.

FAVORS ACKNOWLEDGED.—Miss Burris and the other young ladies assisting at the candy table at the Bazaar desire to thank the following firms for favors received: Senner McLeod & Co., Moore & McLeod, Prowse Bros and J. D. Taylor. They also desire to thank all others who in any way assisted them.

FIRE THIS MORNING.—The barn of Mr. Charles McLean, blacksmith, Bradalbane, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire is thought to have been caused by a spark from the chimney of the forge. The forge was saved with great difficulty, the rain and snow on the roof doing much towards averting disaster.

ABEGWEITS HOME AGAIN.—The victorious Abegweit-Crescent football team returned from Halifax last evening. A good many of their friends were on the wharf to meet them and congratulate them upon their notable victory over the Wanderers. It is expected that a return game between the Wanderers and Abegweits will be played at Charlottetown in a few weeks.

NEW SOCIETY FORMED.—A Young Men's Literary and Debating Society has been formed at Souris with the following office-bearers:

President—J. J. Hughes. Vice-President—J. A. McDonald. Secretary and Treasurer—J. McLuttre. Finance Committee—Arthur Campbell, T. J. McLuttre and A. McQuaid.

LAMBS.—A correspondent in the country writes: The number of sheep and lambs being bought up in the Province is fabulous. Lambs are bringing as high as 3½c per lb, live weight. The lamb trade ought to be worth something to this province this season; and of course it is worth much to the dealers. When Sydney becomes our Canadian Pittsburgh there will be increased prices for all our farm products.

ELECTION TONIGHT.—An election will be opened at the Bazaar this evening for the most popular dry goods merchant of Charlottetown to be conducted by the ladies of the candy and flower table. The winner, or his representative, will be presented with a handsome parlor clock valued at \$15. This election will be continued and finally closed during the grand promenade concert on Monday evening when the winner's name will be publicly announced by trumpet from the stage. Vote early and often.

THE BIG BAZAAR.—The grand bazaar still continues to draw immense crowds, and nobody seems to tire of the enchanting scene. A free admission to all, the school children is given this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, and the bazaar will continue during the evening. On Monday evening the grand final closing will take place with a specially prepared promenade concert, in which classical and popular choruses, quartettes and band selections will be given by some of the most select talent of the city. Refreshments will be served during the intermissions. Look out for the programme in Monday evening's EXAMINER.

MARRIED ABROAD.—The San Francisco, Cal., Call, of the 8th says:—"A very pleasant wedding took place last Thursday evening at the residence of Daniel Gillis, 439½ Brant Street, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Macdonald, of Prince Edward Island, Canada, and Captain D. Murchison, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. A. Doane, pastor of Mizpah Presbyterian Church, in the presence of a few intimate friends. The bride was unattended, and was given away by her brother, Dr. J. Macdonald, B. A., of the Theological Seminary, San Anselmo. Captain and Mrs. Murchison left on a voyage to Coos Bay, Or., October 7th." The bride, it may be added, is a daughter of Mr. J. R. Macdonald, of Point Prim, and Captain Murchison is a son of Captain D. N. Murchison, of the same place.

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