

The Public Accounts.

It will be observed that the Report of the Public Accounts Committee—which we publish below—bears out all the statements of the EXAMINER respecting the financial management of the late Government.

It will also be observed that the report is signed by Angus McMillan, Esq., M. P. of Summerside.

It will test the ingenuity of the Patriot to misconstrue the facts as they are deliberately stated over Mr. McMillan's signature.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Your Committee appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts, beg to submit the following:—

The receipts for the financial year ending the 31st Dec., 1878, are as follow:—

Subsidy from Dominion Government	\$159,005 38
Public Lands	54,379 42
Arrears of Assessment and Tax of 1877	3,951 30
Assessment and Poll Tax, 1878	30,265 00
Fees of Courts, Offices and College	14,824 11
Refund of Land Damages, &c.	37,480 95
Sundry Receipts	12,658 16
Total	\$312,684 34

The expenditure to 31st December was \$334,133.29, or \$21,448.95 over the receipts. But we find that teachers were only paid for three quarters of the past year, and amounts were due contractors, supervisors and others which, if paid up as on the PREVIOUS YEAR, would show the expenditure to be \$52,415.65 MORE THAN WHAT APPEARS BY THE PRINTED ACCOUNTS, AND MAKE A TOTAL EXPENDITURE, PAID AND UNPAID, OF \$386,548.94.

To make a comparison of revenue and expenditure, it has been customary to reduce both to what is considered ordinary revenue and expenditure. We, therefore, deduct from the total receipts \$45,666.82 of refunds and interest from land purchase and back rent of Warren Farm, which leaves the ordinary revenue \$267,017.52; and from the total expenditure we deduct \$51,711.50 expended for the construction of the new Asylum and Court Houses—which leaves the actual ordinary expenditure \$334,837.44.

On the 31st December, 1877, the balance to the credit of the Province was \$35,246.53, besides a reserve of \$3,677.41 to redeem treasury notes. To this amount add the total receipts for 1878, \$312,684.34, and we have a total debit (including bonds and cents) of \$351,608.28. From the latter amount, we deduct the total expenditure for the year, \$386,548.94 and \$172.44 paid for the redemption of Treasury Notes and notes still unredeemed—together making \$390,226.35—leaving a balance of \$38,618.07.

Of the Assessment and Poll Tax for 1878, \$14,568.18 was unpaid on the 31st December. There is also \$3,909.73 principally for poll tax of 1877, the recovery of which is not probable. We estimate that about \$10,000 from these arrears will be collected. This will reduce the actual amount to be provided for out of the revenue of 1879 to \$27,942.42.

Treasury Bonds amounting to \$5,922.80 have been brought forward from year to year as assets. Your committee consider them nearly all worthless; and we recommend that they be written off as assets and if any of them are collected, proceeds can be paid into the Treasury.

We find the balance of \$800,000 granted under the terms of Confederation for the purchase of Proprietors' estates and now available, is \$113,516.02.

We also find the balance in favor of the Province on debt account with the Dominion of Canada has been reduced by payments on account of land damages and is now \$793,356.12.

On examining the Land Purchase Accounts, we find that seventeen estates have been purchased during the past year, for which \$146,127.58 have been paid. Besides which amount, \$10,252.95 have been paid the proprietors in lieu of accrued rents. The balance of accrued interest, amounting to \$7,220.90, is transferred to the general revenue, and there remains at interest in the Bank of P. E. Island, \$2,300 for the purchase of the estate of A. C. and Robert Bellin.

During the past year, 62,350 acres of land have been sold by the Commissioner of Public Lands, for \$94,407.94. The receipts at the Land Office on account of sales and interest, during the year past, amount to \$54,379.42. The amount standing against purchasers of lands, on the 31st December, was \$462,923.63 and 245,783 acres remain in the hands of the Government. 507 persons have not made any payment for ten years, and steps should be taken to enforce payment of at least the interest on all such accounts, and also to collect something from parties whose eight years of free occupation have expired.

The total cost of education for the year 1878 was \$36,608 being an increase of \$5,895 over the previous year.

The Department of Public Works paid out during the year 1878 a total sum of \$161,595.95, and on the 31st December contracts amounting to \$46,624.82 were unfinished.

ARCHIBALD J. McDONALD,
PETER GAVIN,
G. W. BENTLEY,
JAMES E. McDONALD,
DONALD CAMERON,
ANGUS McMILLAN.

The Duke of Beaufort, Sir John R. Reid and Messrs. Southern and Florence left Montreal on the 4th inst. by boat for Quebec, en route for their fishing quarters.

A Nut For The Grits to Crack.

Grits here have been charging that the National Policy is framed to benefit Ontario at the expense of the Maritime Provinces. They now claim that Ontario has, in the late election, distinctly repudiated the National Policy! How can they reconcile these two statements?

The Price of Sugar.

The Freeman sets down the increased cost sugar to the Canadian people as the result of the new tariff, at \$1,000,000 per annum. The Freeman's figures are a shade lower than those given by the Toronto Globe, but with this exception they are just as untruthful. The Freeman might as well have stuck to the Globe's figures—as one lie well told is worth two poorly told. And it will be just as hard to convince the heads of families that they are paying \$1,000,000 extra per annum for the article of sugar as to persuade them that the extra burden is \$2,000,000. The Grit press must not suppose that money is so plentiful that grocer's bills are paid without a thought or a look; and with sugar retailing not an iota higher than formerly, it will probably take much Grit literature to convince the most simple Canadian that he is paying \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000 extra per annum for the article.—*Moncton Times*.

WHILE a party of gentlemen were standing by Lake Lomond, N. B. on Friday last their attention was attracted by the sudden shaking of a grove of trees a few hundred yards distant from where they were standing. The wind was not blowing strong at the time and the cause of the shaking seemed mysterious, while still gazing and wondering, a loud explosion was heard in that direction, followed by a sudden rising of the water of the lake, accompanied by a hissing noise. The water for a considerable area was lifted up, with the highest point in the centre of the disturbance, the elevation being cone shaped. An instant after the water was seen to rise, a sail lying near one of the party's feet, was drawn from the ground violently towards the lake, and in its rapid progress was wrapped around him; but, fortunately the force of the attraction rent the sail in two. A rope attached to the sail was entangled around his legs, and so great was the violence of the whirlwind that it took the united strength of three men to prevent him being carried by it, acting on the sail, bodily into the lake. The whirlwind passed away as quickly as it came, leaving the gentlemen quite exhausted with their efforts to resist it.

LARGE ARRIVALS OF SALMON AT MONTREAL.—Fresh Salmon in large quantities are arriving here daily from the Bay of Chaleurs and other parts of New Brunswick. This morning eleven tons of the fish arrived at 6.35 o'clock, and the largest portion of it had to be transhipped by the New York train which leaves here at 5.50. It is "expressed" all over Canada, and as far west in the States as Chicago, but there is more of it used in New York than in all the Dominion, with Chicago included. It is packed in frozen snow, which is properly housed for the purpose, so that the fish will maintain its natural shape, and every crevice in the case is filled with the snow. Each case contains about 250 pounds, and immediately after preparation for shipment, they are transferred to the refrigerator cars built expressly for the trade. It varies in price according to the demand, as it will not keep long after exposure in our markets. It is now supplied at 14c. per lb. in wholesale lots, and retailed at 20c. per lb.—*Montreal Witness*.

REMARKABLE TIDAL PHENOMENA.—Capt. Reagh, of the schooner *Windsor Packet*, informs us that he noticed, off the south shore of the Bay of Fundy, a mysterious change in the currents; that the fresh water supposed to flow from the St. John River had forced its way across the bay to the Nova Scotia shore, causing a tide to set in shore and reverse the general order of things. At ebb tide, when it should be running down, it was, for the first two hours, running up. The fishermen along the coast were confounded, and also complained of this double current, which so interfered with their nets that they had for five days to stop fishing; some lost their nets by it, while others were wholly destroyed. This is a strange freak in nature, and likely to prove, if lasting, dangerous to shipping, as by this current they would all drift in on shore.—*Windsor Mail*.

ACCIDENTS.—A boy named Miles, aged 14, was caught in the shaft of Tupper's saw mill at Milton, Queen's Co., N. S., on Wednesday, and so seriously mangled that he cannot live.

On Wednesday a young man named Boyle, in the employ of the Heustis Greystone Co., Wallace, N. S., while drawing a stone of about three tons weight from a quarry, the wagon gave way sliding the stone off, which, striking his foot, crushed it fearfully.

THE Hanlan-Elliott race, as the day for the match approaches, is creating immense excitement in the north of England. The betting is 100 to 50 on the Canadian. Hanlan is less over the course than Elliott, in his desire to keep his time from the other side, but is said to be in splendid condition. Elliott has given up his opponent's style as a bad job, and gone back to his old style of rowing.

It is temper which creates the bliss of home, or disturbs its comforts. It is not in the collision of intellect that domestic peace loves to nestle. Her home is in the forbearing nature—in the yielding spirit—in the calm pleasures of a mild disposition, anxious to give and receive happiness.

The preliminary work for digging a tunnel between Dover and Calais is still being vigorously pushed. There have been 7971 soundings taken, bringing up 3207 specimens of different formations. The tunnel, if ever finished, will be 23½ miles long and dug through a stratum of grey calc.

H. Campbell, of New Brunswick, won the first prize in the 6th class and G. Duffus of Nova Scotia first in the 8th class at Kingston Military College, and these prizes were presented on the occasion of His Excellency's visit the other day.

The cheese shipments from Belleville, Ont., this week were about 2,291 boxes.

DURING May, in the United States, \$2,330,000 in silver dollars were coined.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents.

THE STAMP ACT.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—Does the Note and Bill Stamp Act really extend to this Island? The first section of the Act declares that the Act "shall not be construed as a new law, but as a consolidation and continuation of the repealed enactments, with and subject to the amendments hereby made." Now, as the repealed enactments did not extend to P. E. Island, and this is but a continuation of the former Acts, would it not follow that the present Acts extend just where the former Acts were in force, and no further? The construction of the Act is, of course, for the courts and the lawyers; but, if the view I have suggested be a correct one, or even a debatable one, you will do good by directing public attention to the subject.

The very title of the Act supports the interpretation I have suggested. It is: "An Act to amend and consolidate the laws respecting duties imposed on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange." I can find no express mention of "Prince Edward Island" in the Act. Still, it is dangerous for a mere newspaper writer to be too positive, especially on a point of law.

Yours, &c.,
QUERY.

Ch'town, June 8, 1879.

Departure of J. H. Fletcher, Esq.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—On Thursday evening, the 29th ult., according to previous announcement, J. H. Fletcher, Esq., delivered his lecture, "Six Weeks on Wheels," to an audience which filled the spacious Uigg Hall to its utmost extent.

Hugh Findley, Esq., ably occupied the chair. After a few appropriate introductory remarks by the Chairman, the lecturer delighted, instructed and amused the audience for an hour and a half in one of the best lectures ever delivered here. At the close, and after the usual vote of thanks was accorded, the following Address, which was heartily endorsed by all present, was presented to Mr. Fletcher, to which he replied verbally in feeling terms:—

ADDRESS:
To J. H. Fletcher, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—Having learned that you are about to leave your native land for a time, perhaps forever, we, the residents of Uigg and Orwell Head, your old neighbors and friends, cannot allow you to depart without offering you an expression of our esteem and good wishes.

We remember with pleasure your genial friendship while resident among us, and with pride your subsequent successful career as a journalist, and the lively interest you always evinced towards this your native district, and none the less, though the political opinions of some among us might not always coincide with yours. On this occasion, however, we are unanimous in our regrets for your departure and in our best wishes for your prosperity in the land of your adoption, not only in the accumulation of this world's goods, but in the laying up of that treasure which fadeth not away.—*Com.*

MR. FLETCHER, previous to his departure, was waited on by the employes of the *Argus* office, and presented with a neatly printed address, to which he appropriately replied.

THE WALK ON THE 12TH.—The *Telegraph* states that it is expected that there will be a good representation of St. John Orangemen to join with the other Orangemen of the Province in celebrating the 12th at Moncton. Invitations have also been sent by the Moncton Lodge to Lodges in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island to be present.

HIS GRACE the Duke of Argyll, father of the Marquis of Lorne, with his son Lord Walter Campbell, and his two daughters, Lady Mary and Lady Elizabeth Campbell are staying at the Clifton House, Niagara Falls, for a few days.

SINCE January 1st there has been a large increase in the export of codfish from Newfoundland, as compared with the corresponding period last year, but a decrease of mackerel and herring. The increase in the export of seal skins has been over 20,000.

THE Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal has postponed his departure to Europe until the end of the month, in consequence of parochial duties.

Special Notices.

GOOSEBERRIES, Strawberries, Pine Apples, Bananas, at "The Confectionery." [72]

A NICE lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's English Boot Tops, just received, and made to order cheap for cash, at Dorsay & Josts.—1w

LIME JUICE at Beer & Goff's.

RATS and Mice—choice eating—at "The Confectionery." [72]

THREE SPECIALTIES that defy competition—an improved variety of Carrot; Haszard's improved Swede Turnip; Onion Seed that will give satisfaction sowed any time this month. The above to be had only at Haszard's Agricultural Store, Queen Square (west).—w 1m

SOMETHING NEW TO HOUSEKEEPERS.—Curtain Frames, for doing up Muslin Curtains. Call and see them at James Hobbs' Prince Street Cabinet Factory. Just the thing required, as it does away with stretching the curtains on the floor.—1m eod

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

RANKIN HOUSE.
June 7—Robert Inglis, St. Sohn, Geo. E. McLaughlin, do.; James Corby and wife, St. John; G. McLean and wife, Halifax; John Fraser, Montreal.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Plymouth, May 26—Arrived str. Prince Edward, Fraser, from P. E. I.
St. Johns, Nfld, May 28—Cleared schooner Minot Light, for Sydney.
Harbor Grace, Nfld, May 28—Arrived brig Mayflower, Praught, from Ch'town.

BREMNER BROS.

JUNE.

Notwithstanding the largely increased duties on several articles under the

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We are selling our large and well selected Stock of

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especially the leading lines, such as

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- potts,
- letter,
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"Swells & Pedlars"

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CHEEK AND LIES,

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MONEY,

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June 9, 1879.

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GRATEFUL for past favors, desires to intimate that he is prepared to conduct SALES OF GOODS of all kinds, Lands, Tenements, Stock, &c., at RETRENCHMENT RATES.

AUCTION ROOMS:

No. 11 Queen Street, Ch'town, P. E. Island. June 9—t

House to Let.

A TWO-STORY HOUSE, on corner Powell and Dorchester streets, adjoining the Wagstaff Hotel, and now occupied by Mr. Longworth. Possession given on the 1st July. Apply to WILLIAM MURRAY, Baker. Ch'town, June 7—6i

TO LET.

FOR THE SEASON, a one-acre Lot of excellent PASTURE on the Brighton Road, having a good fence all round. Apply to J. D. MASON. Ch'town, June 5, 1879—3in eod

ICE!

PARTIES wanting ICE FOR THE SEASON, will please leave their orders at the FISH MARKET, Grafton street. J. C. HALL. Ch'town, June 4, 1878—6i

TURNIP SEED

Fresh From Scotland.

Laing's Purple Top, Champion, Green Top, Skirving, and the Improved Swede. Wholesale and Retail.

—AT—

BEER & GOFF'S

Ch'town, June 2—

LIME JUICE.

Rose's Celebrated Lime Juice and Lime Juice Cordial.

BEER & GOFF.

Ch'town, June 2—

BANK OF P. E. ISLAND.

A DIVIDEND, at the rate of Ten per Cent. per Annum, has this day been declared for the past half year upon the Capital Stock of this Bank, payable at its Banking House, on demand.

J. R. BRECKEN, Cashier. Ch'town, 2nd June, 1879—ar pat her n e 2i

Citizens' Skating Rink Co'y.

DIVIDEND NO. 1.

A DIVIDEND at the rate of Ten per cent. upon the paid-up Capital Stock has this day been declared, and is now payable to Stockholders, upon demand, at the Bank of Prince Edward Island.

J. E. HASZARD, Treasurer. Ch'town, 30th May, 1879—5i eod

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Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for Ten Cents per day.

FOUND—A Bunch of KEYS. Apply at the EXAMINER office. June 9

LOST—On Friday last, a NOTE-OF-HAND in favor of Hugh McDonald, signed by Henry Lackem and endorsed by Hugh McDonald. The finder will oblige by leaving it at this office. [June 9—1w eod]

FOR SALE—A first-class JIGGER (nearly new) will be sold cheap. Apply to JOHN STENTIFORD. [June 9]

WANTED—A man with a good outfit to Peddle TINWARE. Apply to G. E. MILNER, Upper Queen Street. [May 22]

Shop to Let.—One of the best Business Stands in the city, in Newson's Building, opposite Post Office; lately in the occupation of Robert Brown. Possession given immediately. Apply to JOHN NEWSON. [21 t]