

LEVEE.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR will hold a LEVEE at Government House, on THURSDAY, the First day of January next, at One o'clock.

Each Gentleman paying his respects to His Honour is requested to be provided with a card, to be handed to the Aide-de-Camp in waiting.

Entrance by the eastern door. Morning Dress. JAS. D. IRVING, Lieut.-Col. and A. D. C. F. P. CARVELL, Lieut. and A. D. C.

Government House, } 27th December, 1890. } dec27

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 29, 1890.

The Stanley and the Mails.

CERTAINLY we have had stormy weather. But, in respect to the carriage of the mails of this Province, there has been, in addition to the stormy weather, meanness on the part of the Government and carelessness or incapacity, or both, on the part of some of the Government officials.

1. The English mail for this Province—the Christmas mail—arrived in Pictou on Monday last (eight days ago) shortly after the Stanley left that port.

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We all like economy. The successful efforts of the Government to pile up a surplus are appreciated and admired by everyone. But Governmental economy is, we submit, carried a little too far when it operates to stop the mails, to derange business, to disappoint and annoy the people of a Province.

We have boasted about the Stanley. Certainly she is a fine steamer. But the people of P. E. Island would this year be better off and better satisfied without her. She has proved a delusion and a snare to the dealers who made large purchases of produce for shipment in the expectation that she would carry it away; and she has not brought the mails as speedily as they would have been brought had dependence been placed solely upon the men of the capes.

We sincerely hope, in the interests of the Government, as well as in the interests of the Province, that a radical change of policy will be adopted in respect to the management of the Stanley and the transport of the mails.

Notes and Comments.

—We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a treatise on "Strong Drink—Its Use and Abuse," by F. W. L. Moore, Barrister-at-Law. It shall have THE EXAMINER'S careful consideration.

—The Empire: Treason by one of their own leaders at Napierville, railway construction in South Victoria, are the excuses made by the Opposition for their crushing defeat in these constituencies.

—Another voice has been added to the chorus. The emphatic statements of the Rev. Fred E. J. Lloyd and the Guardian have been supported and accentuated by the Rev. Father McElmeel, President of the League of the Cross, one of the most zealous and practical of the temperance workers of this city.

The Scott Act Must Go.

REV. P. A. McELMEEL DISCOURSES ON THE SCOTT ACT IN ST. DUNSTON'S CATHEDRAL, AND ADVISES THE CONGREGATION TO VOTE AGAINST IT.

At High Mass in St. Dunstan's Cathedral yesterday, Rev. P. A. McElmeel briefly addressed the congregation in reference to their duty at the approaching Scott Act election. After some opening remarks as to the importance of the question and the position of the clergy in the matter, the rev. gentleman proceeded to deal with the Act and the effect it has had upon the community. For the past nine years, said he, we have had the law known as the Scott Act in force here, and all know that it has done no good, but, on the contrary, has been the cause of much evil.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Scott Act or High License?

SIR,—There remains but one point on my first letter to which I would call your attention, viz., "You seem to prefer a high license system to our present mode of restricting the traffic. You have no doubt watched closely the operations of that system, and are pleased with it, else you would not ask the community to adopt it."

There is another class who insist that the traffic should be regulated and restricted, and that high license is the only remedy for the evil. The whole people—Scott Act, Prohibitionist or High License—are of the one mind that the traffic should be restricted.

I now propose to show that high license does not reduce the consumption of liquor, and that it does bar the way to prohibition. My proof might consist of figures, but the public seem to think figures can be twisted, therefore just now I will avoid them.

New York. The Liquor Dealers' Association of New York sent out circulars as to the working of the system wherever in operation. They asked five questions, the nature of them you can judge from the answers. The president of the Willow Springs Distilling Co., Omaha, replied to them. He says:

- 1. High license has not hurt our business, but, on the contrary, has been a great benefit to it. 2. I believe that high license acts as a bar against prohibition. 3. I do not think that high license lessens the quantity of liquor used.

I have a copy of his letter before me sent to the trade, and I have no doubt a letter addressed to Peter E Her, Esq., Willow Springs Distilling Company, Omaha, Neb., will determine its veracity. That I may not fill your columns with extracts, I will pass to another State, and to another branch of the trade.

Now sir, you want to restrict the sale and consumption of liquor, and others want to advance prohibition. I do not hear any man in Charlotetown speaking in favor of low license. The licenses in the places mentioned are as high as \$1000. You cannot in the teeth of the above declare that the system you indirectly plead for lessens the consumption of liquor.

I have now dealt with all the points submitted. I have endeavored to write candidly and fairly. I have made no statement without submitting my proof and there remains nothing more for me to do but wait the issue of the eighth, when I hope, that even though our present system is not perfect, it will not be exchanged for a system under which the liquor traffic grows to the satisfaction of all the dealers.

Dec. 29th, 1890.

A Queer Plea.

SIR,—I have noticed one peculiar feature of the argumentation of writers in the rum-selling interest is to quote all the utterances of the Guardian, etc., even the most extravagant as true! They even go beyond and bring to light some things that even the argus-eyed Guardian did not notice.

A Correction.

SIR,—I notice an article in your local items concerning the Scott Act in King's County, in which it is stated that three summonses were served and sixty-four persons have been subpoenaed as witnesses on Monday last.

Montague, Dec. 26, 1890.

DIED.

In the Charlotetawn Hospital, on the 27th inst., Honor Axworthy, aged 31 years.

Lord's Wharf Property.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the subscribers up to the 15th of January, 1891, from persons willing to lease the above Wharf, Scales and Scale Office. Lease to be for the term of 5 years.

FUR GOODS BEER BROS. Illustration of a man with a horse and a barrel.

GREAT SENSATION AT THE BAZAAR COMPANY'S STORE. Illustration of a horse and rider.

What a Tremendous Spread of Xmas Goods, selected from the Best Makers in the World! WE CAN SUPPLY YOU with Cups and Saucers, Rose Jars, Biscuit Boxes, Cheese Dishes, Butter Dishes, Albums, imported direct from Germany; Vases, Toilet Sets, Inkstands, from Bohemia; Tumblers, Wine Glasses, Purses, Toys, from France; Leather Goods, Books and Cards from Great Britain; Plush Goods, Mirrors, Games and good Toys from the United States; and last, but not least, Presbyterian and Methodist Hymn Books, School Books and Stationery from "this Canada of Ours."

Presents for New Year's. Instead of our usual Gift, we offer this year an additional 5 PER CENT. DISCOUNT, besides the regular discount, to all Cash purchasers who mention this paper. The largest assortment to select from of Jewelry, Fancy Goods and Watches we have ever shown.

BARGAINS! Chairs, Tables, Lounges, Sofas, Sideboards, Cheffioniers, Bookcases, Picture Framing, etc.

Looking Glasses and Mirrors, Parlor Sets, very good, cheaper than ever offered. Chamber Sets! Chamber Sets!

Everything in Household Furniture. Call and inspect. Cheapest!

JOHN NEWSON, SOUTH SIDE OF QUEEN SQUARE, OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE. Charlotetown, Dec. 26, 1890.

Furred Sleigh at Auction. Y. M. C. A. Annual Meeting. A FIRST-CLASS DOUBLE DRIVING SLEIGH, cashioned and furred complete, will be offered for sale at Beiristo's Auction Mart, to-morrow, Tuesday, and will be on view there at 10 a. m. The owner is leaving for England and wishes to sell it.

From Boston to Souris. S. S. COILA WILL receive Freight at Boston on SATURDAY, 27th inst., sailing for Souris direct, ice and weather permitting. D. FARQUHARSON & SON. Char'town, Dec. 24, 1890—dy

BY AUCTION. Potatoes, etc., For the Benefit of all Concerned.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, on WED. NESDAY, 31st inst., at 12 o'clock, noon, at Peake's No. 1 Wharf:— 700 Barrels POTATOES, 350 Bags CABBAGE, 1 Crate OYSTERS, 1 Barrel OYSTERS.

ICE! ICE! THE Subscriber is prepared to supply good Spring Water Ice from this date, to persons making application immediately. EDWARD KELLY, Southport.

NEW YEARS! The Balance of Holiday Goods —AT THE— DIAMOND BOOKSTORE —WILL BE SOLD—

At Cost. SELECT YOUR NEW YEAR'S GIFTS AT ONCE. THEO. L. CHAPPELLE, Diamond Bookstore and Bazar. Charlotetown, Dec. 26, 1890—31

STRONG DRINK, Its Use and Abuse, By F. W. L. Moore, Barrister-at-Law. For Sale by HAZARD & MOORE, Booksellers. The Liquor Question in a Nutshell. Price 15 cents, post paid. dec27—10c

All Fancy Goods —AT— WATSON'S DRUG STORE —WILL BE SOLD—

At Cost —UNTIL— NEW YEAR'S DAY. dec27—dy tl jan 2

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY New Year's Excursion. EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS will be issued at one first class fare to and from all Stations on this Railway, on WEDNESDAY, December 31st, inst., and on NEW YEAR'S DAY, good to return up to and on January 5th, 1891. J. UNSWORTH, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 24, 1890. all prs

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