

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

FEBRUARY 20, 1884.

The Wharves and Piers.

The Dominion Government takes the Piers, and places a sum sufficient in the estimates this session, to put them in thorough repair.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19, 1884.

HON. D. FERGUSON, Provincial Secretary, Charlottetown, P. E. Island:

Minister of Public Works received his Chief Engineer's report yesterday. It is favorable, and will be substantially concurred in by Cabinet this week.

That the Liberal-Conservative Government and party, deserve the hearty support of the taxpayers of this Island for securing to them freedom from taxation, will we think be conceded by all fair minded men.

Political.

The meeting which took place at Pisquid last Saturday was a splendid one for the Government. It was addressed by Messrs. Ferguson and Blake for the Government, and Messrs. D. C. Martin, McCourt, (of the Patriot), and Daniel F. McDonald, of Pisquid, on behalf of the Opposition.

On Monday evening another meeting took place at Uigg—one of the strongholds of the Opposition. The hall was thronged. On behalf of the Government the speakers were Hons. Donald Ferguson, Wm. Campbell, and Neil McLeod, and John M. Grant, Esq., and the Government candidate.

Mr. Laird still entertains some kind of vague notion that he has some influence in Belfast. He is at present putting forth all his strength. We shall see. Wait until after the morning of the election.

Among those who went to the Pownal meeting were Mr. Baerman Warburton, the Grit prophet, and Mr. D. C. Martin, the representative of the district. Neither gentleman was called on to speak, and A. B. was spoiling to air his eloquence. Cruel Pownal.

Mr. Davies' Effort.

MR. DAVIES' speech on the Canadian Pacific Railway is thus spoken of by the Quebec papers:—"This afternoon was occupied by Mr. Davies, of Prince Edward Island, an ex-provincial premier, who entered parliament last session, but although he spoke two hours, he enunciated absolutely not a single new idea, conducting himself throughout as a parish politician on the stump.

The Carnival at Georgetown.

Last night was Georgetown's first venture in Carnivals, and if we may judge from the success which attended it, we are safe in predicting it will not be the last. Few Carnivals in small places have been better arranged. The variety and excellence of the costumes, were the subject of much favorable comment by those who were fortunate enough to be in attendance.

- LADIES: Bourke, Miss Emma—Duchess of Devonshire. Bourke, Miss Minnie—Nancy Lee. Beer, Miss Louisa—Grace Darling. Easton, Miss Susie—Nancy Peasant. Easton, Miss May—Oriental Costume. Fairchild, Miss Sarah—Jockey. Gordon, Mrs. Capt. Wm.—Summer. Grant, Miss Annie—Forest Girl. Grant, Miss Linda—Grandmother. Gordon, Miss Fannie—Snow storm. Haggart, Miss Minnie—Patience. Hayden, Mrs.—Night. Hibbet, Mrs. George—Queen of Night. Irving, Miss Lucy—Good Luck. Kennedy, Miss Bertha—Swedish Peasant. Kennedy, Miss Kate—Sheridah (Arabian Nights). Knight, Miss Ethel—Urdine.

- Lockerby, Miss Ella—Five o'clock tea. Logan, Miss Olive—Hope. Murphy, Miss Nellie—New Year. McDonald, Miss Sara—Fatima (Blue Beard). McDonald, Mrs. John—Gee-as-you-please Girl. McMillan, Miss Bella—Highland Mary. McMillan, Miss Annie—Morning Star. McDonald, Miss Annie—Red Riding Hood. Owen, Miss Louisa—Sister Ann. O'Brien, Miss Mary—Scotch Lassie. Ross, Miss Georgie—Spanish Senorita. Smith, Miss Florrie—Joan of Arc. Sprague, Mrs.—Columbia. Wickwire, Mrs. E. H.—Bavarian Broom Girl.

- GENTLEMEN: Boyd, George—Harlequin. Blige, Donald—Clown. Bolger, J. J.—Laplender. Campbell, Mr.—Chinaman. Cox, J. E.—Irishman. Davison, G. S.—Swiss Farmer. Dingwell Wm.—Page. Easton, W. S.—Sergt. 11th Devonshire Regt. Evans, John—Camera-ah-ha. Galbraith, Mr.—Clown. Gordon, Henry—Dude. Hibbett, George—Snowshoer. Hayden, Frank—Conductor. Hughes, Henry—Don't be Talking. Jones, Charles—Captain Jinks. Jenkins, Wall.—Actor. Jenkins, Percy—Sam Patch. Judson, W. A.—Jester of the 15th century. McDonald, A. J.—Red Cross Knight in Armor.

- McDonald, Bernard—Indian Chief. Murphy, Dennis W.—Santa Claus. Morrissey, Thomas—Marquis 14th Century. McKenzie, Angus—Gent fifty years ago. McPhee, Angus—Italian Peasant. McEachern, Jas.—Old Dan Tucker. McDonald, Lem—Sailor H. M. S. Canada. McLaren, W. N. B.—Sergt. 11th Devonshire Regt. Murphy, Pius—Conductor. Norton, Jas.—King of Dismonda. Robinson, J. D.—Turk. Rattery, Fred—Clown. Rowe, Mr.—Sailorman. Sprague, H. W.—Army Officer. Scott, Walter—Uncle Sam. Stewart, E.—Artemus Ward. Wright, Sidney—St. Jacobs Oil. Worth, Fred—Clown.

The Worth Brass Band was in attendance, and of course added much to the interest of the entertainment. The Carnival was concluded by a grand ball in the Masonic Hall, under the auspices of St. George's Lodge A. F. & A. M. Like the Carnival the Ball was a most successful and pleasing affair.

Peat.

I THINK that it was Lord Ellingborough who called the Irish Capital "Dear, Dirty Dublin;" and I always felt like addressing our peat swamps with the same epithet. There is so much that is lovely about their feathery larches, and grand thickets of maced reeds and rushes, and bright flowered heath-blooms—the rosy Katmia, and rich Rhodora—that one really enjoys an hour amid nature's revelings in their dark solitudes. But in the middle of our enjoyment, squish go both feet into a mud-hole. As we slowly draw them out and try to wipe the black, unctious slime from our hideously defaced shoes, we begin to expostulate vigorously with nature about the uncleanly methods of her housekeeping. But, whist! This is peat, the future hope of our Island's industries and comfort, and the substitute of our ruined forests, and the rival of Nova Scotia's rich wealth of coal mines!

The idea of using peat as a fuel is by no means new. The humble cotters of Ireland and Scotland have long known its value. Burns describes the beauties of a peat fire in the following lines from "The Vision": "There, lanely by the ingle cheek, I sat and viewed the spewing reek, That filled with host-provoking smoke The auld clay biggin."

And the universal testimony of tradition borne by the rude forefathers of the Highland "hamlet" confirms the poet's description of the cheerless, smokey character of a peat fire.

Canada has her own share of peat, though the amount falling to the lot of our Island is small, our dry and fertile soil having to answer for that. Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have large accumulations. Anticosti Island possesses the largest deposits in the Dominion. One bog alone, on the south coast, covers more than 100,000 acres.

The large amount of water which peat contains (90 per cent.) is the great drawback to its use as a fuel. Even when well dried, it retains 25 per cent. of water. This greatly reduces its combustible qualities. Sir Wm. Logan, quoting Dr. Paul of the Society of Arts, London, says that "if the calorific power of carbon is 1,000 that of the various mineral coals is from 903 to 906; whilst that of peat, as ordinarily used, will be 495." He also says that ordinary broken coal will weigh about double as much as peat, so that it will require nearly four times the bulk of peat to produce the same effect as coal. It is but fair to add, however, that there are methods of drying and compressing peat which make it more valuable. But these add largely to its cost. Prepared peat at Montreal costs \$4 per ton, and cannot be worth more than from one-half to two-thirds as much as coal. It is a mistake to assume that peat leaves no ashes, as the following statement will show:—

Table with 2 columns: Fuel type and Ashes percentage. Beechwood has 0.5 per cent. ashes. Sydney coal, 5.5. Acadia Mine coal, 8.2. Albion Mine, 15. Peat from Lennox Isld., 15.26. Black Bank, 7.7.

Persons living in the immediate vicinity of peat bogs may use it economically, for their own purposes, but at the present price of Nova Scotia coal it cannot compete in the market. Indeed, experience has proved, that even in the most favorable circumstances, while a small quantity may be raised economically, any attempt to procure a large amount is always attended with greatly increased expense.

Dr. Paul, after large experiments in Lewes, in driving engines and burning bricks, arrived at the conclusion, that coal at ten shillings a ton is a cheaper fuel than peat at four shillings. The heating properties of well-dried peat compare favorably with those of wood. According to Prof. Johnson: Peat.....3,000 units of heat Wood.....3,600 Anthracite.....7,500

agricultural country like ours. The first requisite of the farm is manure, and on our dry and fertile soils "muck is money." In the thousands of little reek swamps scattered throughout the Island nature has pecked away deposits of rich manure, as in natural store-houses. It is not soluble, or available as a fertilizer, as we find it at present. If it was, every rain shower would wash it away in brown streams to the maw of the devouring sea. But nature knows how to save her treasures for the future use of her children. The leafy harvest of a thousand painted autumn are stored here, safely waiting the service of the intelligent husbandman.

Peat, to be of service as manure, must first be rendered soluble. This will be accomplished by the action of an alkali. Either of the following methods may be adopted to convert peat into manure:—1st, add 2 per cent. of soda; 2nd, add 3 per cent. of potash; 3rd, mix with its amount animal manure. The last is most easily accomplished by carting the dried peat into the cattle yards and stables where the waste ammonia—especially that from the liquid—will make the peat equally valuable with the stable manure itself. By this means the farmer may treble his yearly supply of manure, and so add indefinitely to the production of his farm.

Oh! dark store-houses of nature, we forgive your heavy breath and the mould of centuries round you when we remember that you contain the remains of the gilded leaf floated on the autumn breeze, and the faded jewels of the moss carpets, saved by wise design, to enhance the golden rewards of honest toil.

Our Advertisers.

- Norton, Jas.—King of Dismonda. Robinson, J. D.—Turk. Rattery, Fred—Clown. Rowe, Mr.—Sailorman. Sprague, H. W.—Army Officer. Scott, Walter—Uncle Sam. Stewart, E.—Artemus Ward. Wright, Sidney—St. Jacobs Oil. Worth, Fred—Clown.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Fatal Railway Accident.

COGHINGTON, Ohio, Feb. 19. On the Panhandle road, at Trenton, this morning, a collision occurred by a misplaced switch. Twenty-one cars were demolished and three men killed and several probably fatally injured.

An Effective Sortie.

SUAKIM, Feb. 19. The latest advices from Tokar state that 200 of the garrison made a sortie, attacked the enemy, and killed and wounded several of them. They also captured a number of cattle and camels.

Home Rulers Negotiations.

LONDON, Feb. 19. It is rumored that negotiations are proceeding between the Home Rulers and the Government relative to the division on Sir Stafford Northcote's motion.

An Attempt to Assassinate King Humbert.

ROME, Feb. 19. An attempt was made yesterday to assassinate King Humbert, by firing at him from ambush as he was passing along the road.

A Good Influence.

CAIRO, Feb. 19. The influence of Gen. Gordon is so great that no fears are felt any longer for the garrison and the people of Khartoum.

Suakim to be Attacked.

LONDON, Feb. 19. Advices from Suakim state that the friendly tribes report that Osman Digma will attack Suakim in a few days.

Dominion Political Notes.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19. The House met at 3.30. Several petitions were received, and other routine business done.

The debate on the C. P. R. resolutions then proceeded. Josiah Wood of Westmoreland, took the floor. He made a witty speech of half an hour, dealing with the question in an able manner.

After Wood, Charlton spoke, followed by Mr. Dawson, who was succeeded by Paterson. The division was then made and the vote stood 132 to 62, being a majority of 70 in favor of the Government.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, February 20—10 a. m. Easterly to southerly gales, increasing cloudiness, followed by snow or rain; higher temperature.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE.

Charlottetown, 20th Feb. 1884. Highest temperature yesterday.....13.9 Lowest temperature (read at midnight)..... 3.0 Lowest temperature this morning..... 3.0 Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock.....18.0 Temperature this afternoon, at 1 o'clock.....32.2

Old Mine Sydney Coal

—AND—

TURK'S ISLAND SALT.

50 TONS Old Mine Sydney Coal, ex "Kitty Clyde," will be sold in small lots, at reduced prices, to close sales. Coal is under cover and free from snow.

—ALSO—

1,500 barrels Turk's Island salt, by the same vessel will be sold in lots, at reduced prices, to close sales.

H. HAZARD, Charlottetown, Feb. 19, 1884.—T.W. recd

The Situation of Government Offices.

Dominion Government Savings Bank.

This Bank will be open for business at ten a. m. of the 21st instant, at the Bank of P. E. Island Building.

PERCY POPE, Manager.

Feb. 20, 1884.—1w

NOTICE.

Post Office will be found in the Old Bank Building, until further notice.

A. A. MACDONALD, Postmaster.

Feb. 29, 1884.

The Agency of the Department of Marine and Fisheries will, until further notice, be at the Bank of P. E. Island Building.

ARTEMAS LORD, Agent.

Feb. 20, 1884.—3i wky li

TO RENT,

WITH immediate possession, the store on Sydney Street, opposite H. J. Callbeck's. Apply above the premises to

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Ch'town, Feb. 20—eod 1w

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On behalf of Owner,

GEORGE THORNE.

Ch'town, Feb. 18, 1884.

A LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

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THURSDAY, the 6th MARCH.

By order of Committee.

Ch'town, Feb. 18, 1884.

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Vernon River Bridge, Feb. 15, 1884.—wky

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Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1884.—eod

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Feb. 18, 1884.—dy 4i wky 2i pd

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Ch'town Feb. 14, 1884.—tf

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Ch'town, Jan. 22, 1884.—eod wky.

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THE room on South Side Queen Square, lately occupied as a private billiard room. Apply to

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Ch'town, Jan. 14, 1884.

TENDERS FOR CHURCH.

TENDERS will be received until the 25th of February, for building and finishing the outside of a Presbyterian Church, near Head of St. Peter's Bay, according to Plans and Specification to be seen at the store of Messrs. Davison & Co., Charlottetown, and at the store of L. Anderson, St. Peter's Bay.

Tenders will be addressed to John A. McLaine, Esq., Head St. Peter's Bay. Each Tender to be accompanied with the names of two good and solvent persons willing to become surety for the faithful performance of work.

Scantling for frame and foundation will be provided by committee.

Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

L. ANDERSON, Chairman of Com.

Jan. 23, '84.—2w wky 4i.

SEALED TENDER.

addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the envelope "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received up to noon of Tuesday, the 5th day of April next, for the following articles, or any of them, to be delivered to the Indian Superintendent on Lennox Island, in such quantities and at such times as may be required by him:—Flour, Tea, Sugar, Cotton, Print, Moccasin's Lumber, Shingles, Nails.

Sam'l's of groceries and dry goods must accompany the tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Any newspaper inserting this advertisement without authority from this Department, through the Queen's Printer, will forfeit payment for the same.

L. VANKOUGHNET, Deputy of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, February 9th, 1884.

Feb. 18.—3w tl 1st ap

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FOR SALE—Pictou Nut and Round Coal. Also Cape Breton Coal, equal to Sydney, at Queen's Wharf Scales.

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Feb. 15.—eod wky 4i

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Feb. 11, 1884.—3i eod

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FOR SALE.

THE Lobster Factory, Cook House, Warehouse, Boiler House, with all the plant, situated on John McKeen's shore, Yankee Hill, New London, will be sold by auction, at that place, on

Tuesday, the 4th day of March, next,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The plant is nearly new, being used only one season, and consists in part of one steam boiler, with fittings, a lot of piping, 1,700 traps, with rope, 10 extra built boats, with sails, 40 trays, 2 pumps, 6 boilers, with coils, 10 M. drags, tables, trap-boops, wash-pans, and a lot of material that is usually found in a first-class factory.

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