

Christmas Examination.

QUEEN SQUARE SCHOOL.

CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS began to-day, in the City Schools. Queen Square School was examined. Owing to the cold the junior classes were not well filled; and owing, probably, to the same cause, the attendance of visitors was small. However the trustees were present, together with Professors Caven, Anderson and Harper of Prince of Wales College, Mr. McSwain, Mr. Oxenham and some others, besides representatives of the Patriot and THE EXAMINER. The impression left upon the minds of the visitors was that the school has greatly improved since this time last year. In Principal Gaul's department the improvement was very marked, and well deserving of recognition. Mr. Francis Curran's pupils are sharp and clever, and behave well. Mr. McElmeel's pupils showed some good specimens of writing, and seemed to be pretty proficient in the elementary branches. Mr. Smith's excellent teaching is shown in the general good conduct of his class and their proficiency in reading, dictation, etc. Mr. R. C. McDonald is a painstaking teacher, and he has some promising little fellows under his care. On the whole, the school is doing well. But it might, of course, do better.

Prizes for punctuality, diligence and general proficiency were given by Mr. Gaul for competition by the pupils in his department. At the conclusion of the exercises, Hon. John Longworth addressed a few congratulatory remarks to the pupils of this department.

Reciprocity.

FROM the tone of its press and the utterances of its public men generally, we judge that "Protection" is the settled policy of the United States. Good or bad our cousins will not give it up. But there are a number of influential persons—and especially those who have business relations with the Dominion, and who are doubtless hampered in their operations by the new Canadian Tariff—who call out for "reciprocity with Canada." The National Board of Trade of the United States met in Washington on Thursday. After a very general debate on the subject of the existing trade relations of the United States with the Dominion of Canada, Mr. Kemble, of Boston, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was agreed to:—

Whereas, It is believed to be desirable that reciprocal trade relations should exist between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, whenever such relations can be established upon a fair and equitable basis; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this board be appointed to urge upon Congress the importance of authorizing the President to appoint a commission, whose duty it shall be to meet a like commission whenever it be appointed by the Government of Great Britain, and consider jointly with said British commission on the subject of reciprocal trade, and report on what basis a treaty of reciprocal trade can be negotiated and concluded for the benefit of the people of the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

Resolved, That this committee is hereby instructed to report its doings at the next meeting of this board.

This is a step in the right direction; and we trust it may eventually prove successful. Canada will, undoubtedly, be prepared to meet any advances the United States may make in this direction in a fair spirit. Canada wants a fair trade. The more there is of that, the better for both countries.

The following table of distances between certain points in Afghanistan will be of interest just now:—

Table with 2 columns: Location, Miles. Rows include Kabul to Quetta, Kabul to Balkh, Kabul to Merv, Kabul to Herat, Kabul to Peshawur, Kabul to Candahar, Kabul to Ghuzni, Kabul to Edwardesabad, Candahar to Quetta, Candahar to Ghuzni, Candahar to Herat, Quetta to Herat, Quetta to Mooltan, Quetta to Ghuzni, Peshawur to Jellalabad, Kohat to Ghuzni, Kohat to Thull, Kohat to Kurum Fort, Edwardesabad to Thull, Edwardesabad to Kurum Fort, Edwardesabad to Ghuzni.

It is understood that the Liberal-Conservative standard-bearer in North Lanark will be either Mr. Jamieson or Mr. Rosamond, of the Rosamond Woollen Company.

The Grand Trunk receipts for the week ending Dec. 13th were \$189,269, as compared with \$159,942, for the corresponding period last year—an increase of \$30,327. The increase in twenty-four weeks has been \$641,477.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

AFGHANISTAN.

Situation of the British Forces—General Gough's Position—General Roberts Confident—Hostility of the Russian Press.

Special dispatch to Examiner.

BOMBAY, Dec. 19, } VIA LONDON, Dec. 20. }

It was reported on Thursday that General Gough would probably retire upon Peizran, three miles west of the Surkaz River. But it is now believed he will remain at Gazdulluk, and shortly clear away the Ghilzais in his front.

General Arbuthnot's brigade are distributed along the road between Gundamak and Gagdalluk. Contrary to expectation, the tribes below Jellalabad continue quiet. Had General Bright advanced with his whole force, doubtless the Mohunds and Afreedis would have risen. But the system of forwarding the troops from Jellalabad only as reinforcements arrive from Peshawur affords them no opening. Great efforts are making for a speedy concentration at Peshawur.

Many native Princes have tendered their assistance. General Roberts' statements of his ability to hold his position and take the offensive in a favorable opportunity have been so positive, that the anxiety at first felt on behalf of the garrison in the Shirpur Cantonments has much abated.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Russian press are very violent in their criticisms on the affairs in Afghanistan. The Gazette de St. Petersburg says:—

"We must confess that Russia would not break her heart in the probable event of General Roberts' column sharing the same fate as Cavagnari's Embassy." An official despatch from General Bright, dated Dec. 18, informed the Vice-roy of India that General Gough is unable to force his way to Cabul with his brigade. General Bright proposed as soon as arrangements could be made to hold the posts from India to Gundamak, and advance on Cabul with a division numbering 8000 men.

A telegram from Peizran, dated to-day, says that there is no Serians fighting and all is well.

QUEBEC, Dec. 20.

The House of Assembly is to meet in the middle of February.

The enquiry in the Montgomery election has been fixed for the 9th January.

Sir Rose Price and family are in town.

A. R. McDonald, merchant of Kamouraska, has been appointed deputy Superintendent of the Intercolonial Railroad for the division between Levis and River Daloup.

Financial.

The following are the selling rates for Exchange at the Agency of the Merchants Bank of Halifax:—

Table with 2 columns: Location, Rate. Rows include London—sight, 60 days, New York—cheque, Boston—cheque, Montreal, Toronto, etc., Halifax, St. John, N. B., St. John's, Nfld.

An Emigrant Robbed of 6,000 Francs.

Alphonse Nosedo, a young Belgian architect, with his wife, left the city of Brussels on the 23rd of November, to come to Canada. He took the Star Line to New York, where he arrived on the 5th of December. After remaining in New York for eight days he left on Thursday last by the Central Vermont Railway for Montreal. It was six o'clock in the evening when he left there in a first-class car, and not until three o'clock the next morning did he fall asleep. His wife was in the seat next the window of the car, while he sat beside her. Taking his money from his overcoat he put it in the breast pocket of his inside coat and lay down to sleep. They reached Montreal about 9 o'clock Friday morning, and leaving their baggage at the station walked up Bonaventure street to St. James street. As he had fifty francs in change in a small purse he had no occasion to look at his money during the morning. Having breakfasted at Racine's eating house, and taken a walk through the city, they returned and dined at the same home. Here he felt for his money, and was astonished to find that it had disappeared. He had been in no crowd where his pockets could have been picked, and believes the money was stolen from him while he was asleep on the cars. The sum was made up of six one thousand franc notes of National Bank of Brussels, one five hundred franc note, making in all a sum equal to about \$117.50. He is an architect by profession, and had in his pocket at the time a number of plans. A detective has the case in hand, but as the robbery must have taken place on the train, the recovery of the funds is very doubtful.

The freight traffic on the New Brunswick and Canada Railroad from Woodstock to McAdam Junction, N. B., is so great that the line has not cars enough to accommodate the business. There has been shipped over 27,000 sheep from P. E. Island this season to New Brunswick to be sent out of that Province.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Port Hawkesbury, 17th—Arrived barque John F. Robertson, from this port. Port Mulgrave, 18th—Sailed brig. Lavonia, from this port, for Liverpool, G. B. Boston, 18th—arrived J. E. McDonald, from this port. Baltimore, 17th,—Arrived schr. Ella, from Summerside.

OPENING

OF THE

Citizen's Skating Rink.

THE CITIZEN'S SKATING RINK will be opened on

CHRISTMAS DAY,

ice permitting. The Band will be in attendance from eight till ten o'clock. Tickets for sale at the Apothecaries Hall, at the following prices.

Gentlemen's \$4.50. Boys, (afternoon) \$2.50. Ladies, - 3.50. Girls, " 2.00. Promenade, 1.00. Single Tickets, 25. Single tickets to promenade 10 cents. Shareholders to promenade free.

W. C. HOBKIRK, Secretary.

Dec. 22, 1879.

AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by Auction, on the Market Square, on TUESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 11 o'clock, a.m.,

2 GOLD WATCHES, 2 SILVER do., (new); 3 do do., (second hand), A Lot of Plated JEWELLERY, 12 bundles COTTON WARE, 1 Sextant, 1 Spy Glass, and lot of Charts and Maps, 1 new Sleigh, and a lot of second-hand do Lot of Cookeryware etc.,

H. NEEDHAM, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Dec. 22, 1879.—11

LECTURE I

A LECTURE will be delivered under the auspices of the Young Men's Association of St. James' Church, by

ROBERT SHAW, ESQUIRE,

St. James' Hall, (OLD KIRK,) ON

Tuesday, December 23rd, '79,

SUBJECT: "XMAS."

Admission 10 cents. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock. Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock. December 20, 1879.

TO LET.

THE SHOP on Upper Queen Street, now occupied by Simon W. Crabbe. Possession given the 1st June, 1880.

ARCH'D. WHITE.

Ch'town, Dec. 22, 1879.—law pat pres n e her 1m

NUTS, ORANGES,

GRAPES, Figs, Dates, Pound and Fruit Cakes, &c., at

BEER & GOFF'S.

Dec. 17, '79.

S. S. "NORTHERN LIGHT,"

WILL MAKE DAILY TRIPS between Georgetown and Pictou, until further notice, (Sundays excepted) leaving Georgetown at 6 a. m., and Pictou at 1.40 p. m., weather permitting.

WM. MITCHELL, Agent of Dep't.

Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1879.

WANTED TO BORROW, \$850.00.

BY the Trustees of Spring Park District School, for one or three years. Offers stating lowest rate of interest, for all or any part thereof, will be received by

WM. HEARD, Chairman of Trustees.

Ch'town, Dec. 19, '79—1w

Valuable Property for Sale.

TO BE SOLD, all that part of Town Lot No. 74, in the first hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown; having a front of 67 feet, Dorchester Street, and running back 80 feet, together with the buildings thereon erected. For further particulars apply to Messrs. HODGSON & McLEOD Charlottetown. Sept. 18, 1879.

Sugar & Molasses.

IN STORE AND TO ARRIVE:

12 hds. PORTO RICO 8 " CHOICE BARBADOS 20 bbls. GRANULATED SUGAR 15 " CONFECTIONER'S A. 10 " BRIGHT REFINED

103 puns. Choice Bar- badoes and MOLASSES. 33 barrels Trinidad

FENTON T. NEWBERRY & CO.

Dec. 9, 1879—6i pat 3i her 2i s jour 2i

JUST RECEIVED 100 boxes Digby Her- ring. The best in the city.

H. COOMBS.

dec. 17, '79.

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A. A. McLEAN. D. C. MARTIN. June 18, 1879.—ex2aw

Pure Confectionery.

A GRAND ASSORTMENT for Christ- mas, at

BEER & GOFF'S.

Dec. 17, '79.

COAL. COAL.

300 TONS Gowrie Mines Fine Coal; also a quantity of Sydney Large Coal, at KOUGHAN'S SCALES.

Ch'town, Dec. 16, '79—3i

COAL. COAL.

ROUND COAL for sale by

F. S. HANFORD.

Ch'town, Dec. 15, 1879—6i

APPLES.

100 bbls. No Baldwins, } American. 100 " Russetts, }

CARVELL BROS.

Dec. 18, '79—3i

MINCE MEAT.

ALL READY PREPARED, for 20cts. per pound, very choice, at

BEER & GOFF'S.

Dec. 17, '79.

TO LET.

FOR ONE OR MORE YEARS the House and premises recently occupied by Mr. W. W. Clarke, situate on Great George street, two doors above the office of Messrs. Longworth & Haszard, attorneys, nd near the head of Steam Navigation Co's. Wharf. For terms etc., apply to

JOHN INGS.

Ch'town, Dec. 15, 1879.

CORDWOOD.

THE undersigned will receive tenders up to 1st of JANUARY next, from parties willing to supply 500 CORDS of dry SOFTWOOD, to be delivered at the Charlottetown Brick Company's yard in the Royalty.

The wood to be 4 feet in length, and not over eight inches in diameter. Further particulars can be obtained from

FRED. W. HYNDMAN, Agent.

Ch'town, Dec. 1, 1879. pat 2w

MAIL NOTICE.

MAILS for Great Britain will close every WEDNESDAY afternoon at 4.30 o'clock; also, fortnightly, on SATURDAY afternoon at same hour, on and after the 20th instant.

Mails for the other Provinces, and for the United States of America will close daily at 4.30 p. m., and be forwarded to Georgetown by special train, leaving every evening to connect with the steamer Northern Light. This train will also take a mail to Georgetown.

Mails for the regular train going east, will close daily at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mails for Postal Car going west, will close daily at 7.30 a.m.

Post Office will now close at 8 o'clock, p. m., and will only open after that hour when a foreign mail is received in time for delivery same night.

A. A. MACDONALD, Postmaster.

Post Office Charlottetown, } Dec. 19th, 1879.

GAS FITTINGS.

6 fancy Chandeliers, in gilt, 12 single and double Bracket Burners, 1 Gas Stand, with rubber tube attached, Lot of Gas Pipe, lot of 2 in. Lead Pipe, 1 Safe, lot of New Lamps to fit on gas burners.

H. COOMBS.

dec. 17, '79.

SUNDRIES.

Cross-cut Saws, Musical Boxes, Plaster Paris, Clapboards, Broadcloth, Hoop Iron, Oat Tubs, Meat Barrels, 1 ship's Medicine Chest, 1 fancy Work Bench, 1 Gun Case, Lot Mahogany Doors, second-hand, Hose and Lead Pipe, 1 Wench, 1 Mahogany Desk, Lot of 7 inch Stovepipe, Stove Drums, 4 Chimney Tops, for smokey chimneys, at half price.

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dec. 17, '79.

73,620 MORE

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