

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Parliamentary Summary.

Tax Blue Books, with the reports of the year, were brought down with very gratifying promptitude. But still more gratifying are the results which some of them show. For instance, the Report of the Minister of Railways shows that the total expenditure on the Intercolonial Railway, last year, was \$1,759,851 27, and the earnings \$1,760,393 92; leaving a profit of \$54,265 17. Whether we look to the sum of money in hand, or to the immense increase in the trade of the country which it indicates, this result is extremely gratifying.

The receipts and expenditures of the Government during the past financial year are thus set down in the abstract of the Public Accounts:—

Table with columns for Receipts from Taxes (Excise, Bid stamps, etc.) and Expenditure (Consolidated Fund, Charges of Debt and Subsidies, etc.).

Total Consolidated Fund \$20,635,497 54

Table showing Consolidated Fund Expenditure, categorized into Ordinary Expenditure (Civil Government, Administration of Justice, etc.) and Charges on Revenue (Excise, Weights and Measures, etc.).

Total Consolidated Fund \$25,502,551 42

Not only in Customs Revenue has there been an increase. Of what is known as "Inland Revenue," there is also a marked addition. The returns show the sums yielded under this heading as follows:—

Table showing Inland Revenue details: Excise (Alcohol, Tobacco, etc.), Public Works, Culling timber, B.L. stamps, Weights and measures, Gas inspection, and Law stamps.

tobacco manufactured during the year was 8,623,747 lbs., which is slightly above the average of the four previous years. The quantity of Canadian-grown tobacco shows a remarkable increase, being 397,276 lbs., or more than six times the quantity of any one of the previous five years.

In the Report of the Minister of Justice are the following statistics of the Penitentiaries of Canada:— Kingston Penitentiary—In custody on 30th June, 1880—Males 711; females 21; total, 732. Received during the year—Males, 205; females, 11; total, 216. Released on expiration of sentence, etc.—Males, 235; females, 8; total, 243. Remaining in custody on 30th June, 1881—Males, 681; females, 24; total, 705—a decrease of 27 during the year.

St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary—Total prisoners 30th June, 1880—Males, 345; females, none. On 30th June, 1881—Males, 318; females, none; decrease, 27.

Dorchester Penitentiary—Total prisoners on 16th July, 1880—Received from old penitentiaries of St. John and Halifax, 184; number in custody 30th June, 1881—Males, 94; females, 2; total, 96; decrease, 88.

Manitoba Penitentiary—The number in custody on the 30th June, 1880, increased from 44 to 56 during the year.

British Columbia Penitentiary—The number in custody increased from 33 to 43. During the year the total number of convicts in all the penitentiaries of the Dominion decreased from 1,279 to 1,218.

We are pleased to note that in the Senate Hon. Mr. Haythorne has called attention to the necessity of a more thorough system of Bank inspection.

Parliamentary Notes.

(By Telegraph to Halifax Herald, Feb. 14.)

It is understood that Sir Leonard Tilley will make his budget speech on Friday, 24th inst. The country will find in it facts, figures and conclusions which will both astonish and gratify, and more than ever convince the people that the men at the head of affairs are something more than "flies on the wheel."

Three Grit members—Cartwright, Ross and Cameron—took up nearly an hour this afternoon, moving for fourteen or fifteen complicated details returns of finance, trade, and other matters. One of these alone, as pointed out by Mr. MacKenzie Bowell would employ a corps of clerks two or three months. The fourteen would necessitate the employment of a small army nearly the whole year and involve a large expenditure. It is a Grit trick to demand these unnecessary returns so as to compel unnecessary expenditure for additional clerks, and at next election turn round and denounce "Tory" extravagance and corruption in employment of these temporary clerks.

Grits met in caucus this morning. They never were a very happy looking crowd, and after their meeting they looked, if possible, more unhappy than ever. There was not a cheerful countenance among them. Mr. Blake was more than usually gruff and sour. Mr. Mackenzie's refusal to attend caucus may partly account for this. The ex Premier sat in his seat during the morning as usual, but when the Grits left to attend caucus he did not accompany them. Shortly afterwards Hon. Mr. Anglin was seen in earnest conversation with the overthrown chief as though imploring him to meet in council with his brethren. When some fifteen minutes later Mr. Mackenzie left the Commons Chamber with Mr. Anglin, it was thought that the ex-Premier had succumbed to the persuasive eloquence of the ex-Speaker, but this was not the case. Mr. Mackenzie only went as far as the corridors and Mr. Anglin had to return to caucus alone. Mr. Mackenzie's positive refusal to associate with the remnant of his party in caucus has been the chief subject of conversation during the afternoon.

The Grits seem to be divided on the propriety of Blake's failure to make the general attack on the Government in reply to the speech. This was generally expected. The Ministerialists were thoroughly prepared, but the enemy failed to fight the promised battle. On his chosen ground Mr. Blake again exhibited the "white feather." Mr. Cartwright is a rash man, and when Mr. Blake failed it was expected that he would rise to the occasion, but he didn't, to the evident satisfaction of both sides. The doctory "mixer and muddler" contended himself with impudently interrupting Sir John, for which the veteran chief gave him a snubbing that will prove effectual for the rest of the session. The two Maritime giants, Tupper and Tilley, were evidently disappointed that there was no debate. They were in splendid trim, and never better prepared at every point for attack or defence. But the Grits wouldn't fight.

Three new maps of the North-West territory have been issued by the Department of the Interior. The first is a map of part of Manitoba, showing Dominion lands surveyed and lands disposed of; also Pacific Railway lands, school sections and Hudson Bay Company's reserves and post offices. The second is a general map of the North-West showing country from Lake Winnipeg to foot of the Rocky Mountains, with railways, towns, lakes, rivers and Indian reserves, all distinctly defined. The third, while showing much of what is contained in the other maps, is marked with red lines extending from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains, with lateral lines running north and south. On these lines are numbered circles to indicate points twenty miles apart across the territory in various directions, at which samples of soil, four feet in depth were taken out by digging. There is also a smaller map giving a general outline of the entire Dominion with table of distances and other interesting information.

A patent-medicine man, who was in Ottawa recently, called on Sir John Macdonald, and offered, on behalf of the firm he represented, to illuminate Parliament Square by electricity during the session. Free of cost, provided they were allowed to place a transparency on the top of the light with the name of their medicine. Sir John Macdonald declined to allow Parliament Square to be used for advertising purposes.

We grow over an occasional delay of trains on our railroads. Here's intelligence from railroads as far south as Long Island, showing that they had been completely blocked for days with drifts from fire to twenty feet high.

A Denial.

We are assured that the statement of the Patriot that "His Worship the Mayor has, on his own authority, placed it beyond the power of the city to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada on the question of the Income tax, is quite untrue, and requested to state that His Worship was never asked to call a meeting of the Council to consider whether or not an appeal would be advisable.

It is to be hoped that the "Patriot" will promptly retract the statement, or else publish the name of the person on whose authority the statement was made.

Savings Banks.

The advantage of having Savings Banks is appreciated in the other Provinces as well as in P. E. Island. The Halifax Herald calls for an additional supply for Nova Scotia, and says: "We would earnestly urge a still further increase in the number of savings banks depositors. The amount yearly lodged in these banks is a criterion not only of the prosperity or declension of trade, but a significant indication of progress or retrogression on the part of the people in moral and political power. Frugality is a virtue that presupposes the existence of other good qualities. When a workman begins to save, the desire to add to what he has in store grows upon him. The consciousness of having something to fall back upon in the case of adversity or family affliction, inspires a feeling of comfort and independence, and increases his self-reliance and self-respect."

Vaccination.

We learn that Dr. Hobbirk, of this city, has set a movement on foot, for the purpose of vaccinating the inhabitants of Charlottetown and the surrounding country. As small-pox is prevalent in the United States and in some parts of Canada, we believe the Doctor is taking a step in the right direction. He has made arrangements with the Superior of the Charlotetown Hospital, to vaccinate at that institution, on one day of every week. The operation will be performed gratis; but it is expected that those who are vaccinated will contribute at least ten cents towards the support of the Hospital. In order that everyone may enjoy the benefit of vaccination, it is the intention of the medical gentlemen of Charlottetown to apply to the City Council for the passage of a by-law rendering it compulsory. We hope the City Council will give the matter prompt attention, and pass the desired by-law as soon as possible.

The Canadian Press.

It is decidedly gratifying to learn that the exports for the last fiscal year were larger than for any previous year in our Confederation history, having reached the noble figure of \$98,290,843, and that although the total imports exceeded this amount by some \$7,000,000, the value of the quantities entered for consumption was nearly \$7,000,000 less than that of the exports. The repetition of a story like that for a few years in succession would carry Canada to a great pitch of prosperity.—St. John News.

Let us now examine the progress made in the Government Savings Banks of the Maritime Provinces. The whole amount of deposits made in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in these banks in 1877-8 was \$7,407,259; in 1878-9, \$7,823,197, and in 1879-80, \$8,655,145, including interest. Here we have the startling fact in support of Dr. Parker's argument of an increase in the savings of a section of the working people of the three Provinces in 1879-80 as compared with 1877-8 of \$1,247,889.—Halifax Herald.

Let us now turn to the Savings Banks of Nova Scotia, and see what the tale is which they tell to the electors of the Province in view of the coming elections for the Dominion and Local Houses. Here are the aggregate deposits with interest for three years:—

Table showing Savings Bank deposits for three years (1877-8, 1878-9, 1879-80) with interest.

It is clear, therefore, that during the last year of Grit rule—1877-8—our people, who avail themselves of the Savings banks, had at their credit a sum less by \$1,380,407 than was at their credit under Conservative rule in 1879-80. Why, the Halifax branch alone received deposits over the counter in 1879-80 amounting to \$1,050,488.—Halifax Herald.

The iron and copper mines of Lake Superior produced last year 34,174 tons of copper, worth \$11,000,000, and enough of iron to bring the total up to \$31,000,000. When the rich mines on the north shore come to be developed, there is no end to the wealth that will be added to the country.—Toronto Globe.

Few persons realize the rapidity with which sailing vessels are being superseded by steamers. The following table will show that the grain trade of New York will soon have passed entirely away from the sailing vessels. There were exported in the years mentioned, from New York, these quantities of bushels of grain in steamers and sailing vessels respectively:—

Table comparing grain exports in steamers vs sailing vessels for years 1881, 1880, and 1879.

All our Druggists now heartily endorse the amazing success of Mack's Magnetic Medicine, and recommend it far both sexes in all cases of sexual weakness. Sold in Charlottetown by Apothecaries Hall Co. See advertisement in another column. [Feb 10 2w]

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Citizens Skating Rink.

SOME SUGGESTIONS TO THE DIRECTORS.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly allow me, through the columns of your paper, to make a few suggestions to the Directors of the Citizens Skating Rink:—

1st. That the 4th Rule, "Violent skating strictly prohibited," be enforced. For a week previous to the last Tournament, intending skaters were permitted to practice during the hours in which the Rink was open to ticket-holders; and we believe no complaints were made, although very considerably interfering both with their (the ticket-holders') comfort and safety.

2nd. That the Directors allow intending competitors the privilege of practising during evenings in which the Rink is unoccupied. At present the Rink is only open to the public three nights each week and; it is an object, surely, it should not be, as it is currently believed that this year the dividend to the shareholders will be twenty-five (25) per cent.

3rd. That after such use of the ice it be put in proper condition for the use of the other skaters. It is not just that ladies and children should be subjected to the dangerous annoyance of trying to skate on ice totally unfit, by reason of holes and ridges.

4th. That the rule prohibiting the attendance of children at night, be enforced. By adopting the above hints and improving upon them, the interest of all will be materially served.

TICKET HOLDER.

A "True Canadian" Answered.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—In the DAILY EXAMINER of the 8th inst. I notice a correspondence, over the signature of "A True Canadian," in which he endeavors to throw cold water on the exertions of the people of this section of the Island to get a grant of money to improve the channel on the west side of Souris Harbor. Your correspondent refers to Grit politicians as being instrumental in calling the meetings referred to, so as to have more force in injuring the cause with the present Government. Now, Sir, I can assure you that these meetings originated with a people who support the present party to a man. There was one person who took an interest in them who was not a Conservative, but represented a house that is well-known for its conservative allegiance, and no doubt was there at the desire, and for the purpose of his supporters. With regard to the words, "pertinaciously" "unreasonable," "selfish" etc. etc., as made use of by your correspondent, I must say on behalf of these people that they do not apply to them, and come very ill and ungenerous from the pen of your correspondent. Now as to the justice of requesting the improvement of Souris harbor. The people of this locality, have for the past fifteen years been agitating the construction of this work. They have given gratuitous labor from time to time, and the local government seeing the desirability of the work gave a grant of money towards pushing it forward; and if our revenue was yet in the hands of our Local Government there is no doubt but this work would be completed before now. The unthoughtful, uncharitable, assertion of your correspondent as to "black-mailing" representatives is an unpardonable insult to the people he is applying it to, and although none of them have the honour of holding an office under the present Government, yet the majority of them hold our representatives in full as much esteem as the person who is trying to darken their action on this matter.

He also insinuates that the trade to Souris West has not been used since the completion of the eastern branch. Now, Sir, I think our obliging Station Master will justify me in saying that it has been used, and that its service was applied for last season; that the business people of this vicinity have had to truck carloads of mackerel, coal, flour, &c., across Souris beach, because the driver could not run the engine over the road, in consequence of it not being kept in repair.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I do not know who your correspondent may be, but think if he would devote more of his time to trotting ponies and the improvement of stock, instead of writing silly, uncalled for twaddle for the newspapers it would be more pleasant and agreeable for himself, and tend more to the advancement of Canadian interest as well as that of our worthy representatives.

In thanking you for occupying so much of your valuable space, I beg leave to say, if your correspondent was not ashamed to come out over his genuine signature, I would take more interest in confuting his lying assertions.

Yours truly, THOMAS KICKHAM. Souris West, Feb. 13, 1882.

Civic.

To the Editor of the Examiner. SIR,—I have heard that Councillor Chapelle has boasted that he and his friends would drive the Mayor out of his office in less than three months, or something to that effect. If Councillor Chapelle can do this by fair means, all right. But if he hopes to do so by the fabrication of fictions, such as that which appeared in the Patriot's editorial of last evening, he will probably find that his attempt will be in vain.

Yours truly, CITIZEN.

Merchants Bank P. E. Island.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Bank, will be held at their Banking House, in Charlottetown, on THURSDAY the 2nd day of March next, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them. Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier, at least one day previous to the meeting. WM. McLEAN, Cashier. Charlottetown, Feb. 16, 1882—till meeting.

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PROGRAMME OF CONCERT!

In Aid of the General Hospital, Thursday Evening, 16th Feb., MARKET HALL.

- 1. Orchestral Club—Queen of the Valley. 2. Duet Vocal—When the Winds Blow in from the Sea. 3. Solo Vocal—The Irish Emigrant. 4. Piano Solo—Fantasia from Robert Le Diable. 5. Orchestral Club—Selections from Stradella. 6. Solo Vocal—Will O' the Wisp. 7. Violin Solo—Noria. 8. Solo Vocal—The Lost Chord. 9. Orchestral Club—Selection from Poet and Peasant. 10. Solo Vocal—The Gate of Gold. 11. Duet—Oh, wert thou in the clefts of the woods. 12. Solo Vocal—Echo Song. 13. String Quartette—German Hymn. 14. Solo Vocal—Hybias the Cretan. 15. Chorus—From Patriotic.

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Bank of Prince Edward Island.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 8, 1882.

NOTICE is hereby given that the President and Directors of this Bank are now prepared to receive from Stockholders the amount of their call of \$40 per share on the Capital stock to enable the Bank to resume business by the 24th; it is imperative that all payments of Stockholders should be made on or before the 20th inst., in terms of agreement dated 1st Feb. inst., namely, \$20 per share in cash and \$20 per share secured by promissory note, due 20th May, 1882.

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SLEIGHS—I have a number of Sleighs, price from \$6 to \$14, that I will trade for hay or small potatoes—cattle feed.—H. COOMBS. [fe 16]

THE person who took the bunch of Keys from the Secretary's Room of the Prince Street Methodist Sunday School, on Sunday last, will oblige by returning them to this office immediately (if not sooner).

WANTED—A good woman servant for general housework. Apply at the EXAMINER OFFICE. [fe 16]

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