

"A Maritime Government Union has frequently been suggested, and popular sentiment has not been unfavorable to it, but unfortunately negotiations have generally failed on some minor point, such as the selection of capital. The great and unnecessary expense of maintaining in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, three Lieutenant-Governors, and three miniature Houses of Lords and Commons is apparent to all. The immense economy that would result in the abolition of two of these, and devoting the revenue to the sustenance of but one corps d'administration, would result in great financial success to the maritime union, and afford large surpluses to be used in the opening up of the crown lands, the construction of railways, and the development of the provincial resources, which are very considerable regards mines and minerals, magnificent forests, unsurpassed fisheries, and noble rivers and harbours, awaiting the commerce attendant upon the future progress of the country. The land is compactly situated, and is settled by a frugal, skilful and industrious people. Altogether there seems to be all the elements of success, commercially and politically, for our fellow-countrymen on the Atlantic shores. At present, however, we cannot but consider that their energy and statesmanship are frittered away on small and comparatively insignificant details. A maritime union would give a larger scope and greater importance to local politics that would have a retroactive beneficial effect on the politicians. Moreover, if a due proportion of influence in the councils of the confederation is to be retained by our maritime sisters, when the great fields of Ontario are occupied, and Manitoba and the great North West are being filled up at a rate and to an extent it is impossible for them to rival, then some such union as suggested will be necessary. Union is strength."

This is from the Montreal Star. The Toronto Globe lately contained an article of like tenor.

There is undoubtedly much force in the argument favoring a Maritime Union.

But before it can be brought about there must be a community of sentiment among the different populations.

The people of this Island, for instance, must be satisfied that they will not suffer or be dominated over, because they are few in number and politically weak.

The experience they have so far had of the larger union has not assured them on this point.

They see that, even in so comparatively small a matter as the allotment of officials, the just claims and rights of her sons are ignored, while the favorites of ministers in the larger provinces get the good things to be obtained here.

This must be remedied. There must be reciprocity of feeling and interest—the people of the Maritime Provinces must be made to feel by fairer treatment in the future that they are really one people—before they will consent to the closer union which seems to the Star and Globe to be so reasonable.

The Dominion Government would do well to make a note of this.

"When the party required a Daily Newspaper in Charlottetown, and were in straits to get the funds to launch it upon the public, Col. Gray was the man who was applied to, money he readily and liberally supplied them with, and were it not for what was put into the concern by him at that time, we venture to say, that the little organ would be strangled at its birth."

This paragraph refers to the DAILY EXAMINER, the Liberal Conservative Party, and the Hon. Col. Gray. It is clipped from the New Era.

Now, at the time the DAILY EXAMINER, was founded, Colonel Gray was a supporter of the party led by the Hon. Alexander McKenzie. He was, if we mistake not, a short time previously, one of the nominators of Mr. Walsh, a candidate in behalf of the late Government, opposed to the Hon. Mr. Pope, a member of the present Government. So far as was consistent with the dignity of his position as an officer of the Militia, Colonel Gray has of late years been identified with the Grit Party.

But, if there be any truth in this paragraph, Colonel Gray has at once been assisting and deceiving both political parties. He has been doing that which is consistent neither with the honor of a soldier nor the integrity of a gentleman—he has, at the same time, been facing both ways.

We hoped, therefore, that he would himself have hastened to contradict so damaging a statement. But he has not done so. Perhaps he did not deem it worth his while; or, perhaps, he thought that as the New Era's article was couched in the forms of friendship—though it was really, we believe, a studied attempt to blacken his character—it would be more seemly in him to make the necessary correction in the New Era.

However this may be, we deem it our duty, in his behalf, to give an emphatic denial to this unmitigated misstatement; and to say that there is not a word of truth in it.

Colonel Gray has, from the fourth day after the first issue of the DAILY EXAMINER, been one of our most esteemed subscribers—nothing more.

The sympathy which the New Era asks for Colonel Gray is, we are sure, not needed. Colonel Gray is, we believe, a gentleman of fortune to whom the loss of a paltry \$1600 a year, and an office in the Militia, counts for nothing.

Of much greater account, to him, is the preservation, unblemished, of his honor as a soldier and his good name as a citizen.

We must apologize to our readers for troubling them with anything relating to so despicable a sheet as the New Era; but we could not allow even it, unnoticed, to tarnish the reputation of so estimable a man as Colonel Gray.

The steamer "Edgar Stuart" arrived from Halifax this morning with a small freight. She sails at 6 o'clock this p. m. with a two-third cargo of hay, oats and potatoes.

Troubled Ireland.

The latest news from Ireland is— That Mr. Wheeler, who was shot and instantly killed near Oola, county Limerick, was the son of a Protestant farmer, and not an agent. He had taken a farm from which the tenant had been evicted. The assassin fired from behind a wall, and must have been able to get quite close to his victim, owing to the dusk of the evening, as a portion of Mr. Wheeler's head was shot away. Mr. Wheeler's body and head show eleven distinct wounds.

That there were two Cabinet meetings during the past week and others will be held shortly. It is generally supposed that the Irish land question was the principal subject of the Cabinet deliberations and that it will be a leading subject of legislation at the next session of Parliament. In this connection the Times in a leading article this morning says:—"If the only true remedy is to be found in some equitable method of turning the tenant into a proprietor we see no reason why such a method should not be carefully and dispassionately considered." The artisans at Portadown have initiated a movement for ostracising the members of the Land League by refusing to deal with or work for any member of that organization. Lord Cloncurry has taken a house at Melton-Mowbray Leicestershire, England, for the winter. The effect of his leaving Ireland will be to deprive labor of employment to the extent of £4,000 a year. Twelve land meetings will be held on Sunday besides that which is being organized at Lough Mask.

The New York "Herald" says:—"Mr. Gladstone's administration, so far as Ireland is concerned, is a failure. Yet we have no doubt the Premier has tried to do his best. In dealing with a question of this kind; we should prefer the audacious genius of a Beaconsfield, and we have no doubt Beaconsfield is ready to take office to-morrow upon the question of Ireland."

Aid for the Bereaved.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. J. Beverley Harris, of Ontario, who is here on business, will present his great impersonation of "Dickens' Christmas Carol" in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Tuesday evening next, the 23rd inst.—the proceeds for the benefit of the Stellarton sufferers. We need not speak of the Carol itself. Who does not remember and love this most delightful of all Dickens' delightful Christmas stories? Who does not recall "Old Scrooge" and his ghostly visitors—"The Clerk in the Tank"—"Old Fezziwig" with "his calves shining like moons"—the "plump sister"—"Bob Cratchit"—"Tiny Tim"—and, not by any means least, the Christmas Turkey, which could never, by any possibility, have "stood on his legs." They are all before us as we write, with all their sparkling humor and their tender pathos—their smiles and their tears so close together. Mr. Harris reads (or rather impersonates, for he does not "read") the Carol under advantages not possessed by any other public reader. We have seen the copy he uses; and it is certainly a literary relic of rare interest, being a fac simile of Mr. Dickens' own Reading Book, containing all the author's cuttings, notes, marginal directions, &c., as prepared by his own hand for his readings in England and America. This copy was made by Miss Georgina Hogarth, Dickens' sister-in-law, from the original in the Gadshill library, and presented to Mr. Harris, together with several of the other famous readings in the Gadshill collection. Mr. Vinicombe has promised to provide suitable music in the intervals of the entertainment, and we are quite sure that a treat of no ordinary character is in store for the audience which will doubtless crowd the hall next Tuesday evening.

Word Hunting.

We have much pleasure in announcing our determination to publish a series of papers on "Word-Hunting." They will appear two or three times a week, and from the interest that will undoubtedly be aroused they will form an interesting intellectual exercise. It is proposed to trace some of our ordinary words and phrases to their origin, and we ask for hints and suggestions to the same. We suggest that all correspondence on the subject be brief and to the point.

Souris Notes.

NOVEMBER 17th. The weather has been exceedingly fine for the last few days, and farmers are taking advantage of it by hauling their oats to market. The quantity in this section of the country is not supposed to be over half of what it was last year, and the farmers and business men are not, as a rule, in the best of humor. The price is steady at 40 cents. Matthew McLean & Co., Connolly & Co., Sterns, and McDonald McDonald & Co., are the principal buyers. Our enterprising townsman, Dr. E. P. Ford, is, I understand, making arrangements to ship mutton, beef and potatoes extensively to Texas, U. S. He pays four cents for beef and mutton. It is to be hoped his enterprise may be amply rewarded, as a ready market for these commodities will be highly beneficial to the farmers this fall. The Doctor deserves credit. The man who was here pumping all summer, in the interest of the Customs Department, has failed to pump the achr. "J. R. Stewart" which is consequently sunk near the Railway Wharf. All hands safe. She was in charge of the Department. The Souris Lighthouse is completed, and is quite a pleasing object to mariners in day time. Mr. John Mullally, Jr., obtained the contract of repairing the Souris Breakwater, not Messrs. McDonald, McDonald & Co., as was anticipated. The Souris train arrived here to-day at 2 o'clock, only seven hours from Charlottetown. Passengers coming east for the last week or two prefer walking, and generally turn up first.

The independence of the EXAMINER, regarding the recent Railway change, is universally endorsed.

BREMNER BROTHERS.

FALL, 1880.

OUR Christmas Cards

Have always borne the reputation of being the best in Charlottetown, not only for

Elegance of Style, Artistic Design, and Attractiveness,

EXTENSIVE VARIETY!

GOOD VALUE.

This season we have surpassed all former efforts in this line, and are showing the

Largest Stock of Christmas and New Year's CARDS!

Ever exhibited in Charlottetown, consisting of

OVER 600 VARIETIES. FROM 1 CENT TO \$1 EACH.

We have arranged these Cards on sample sheets, so that customers can look over our whole stock without trouble, and in a comparatively short time.

In addition to the above, we will open in a few days, Messrs. Prang & Co's (Boston)

PRIZE CARDS, for the designs of which \$2000 were given in prizes to the artists who should design the four best Christmas Cards in the United States. They are marvels of beauty and excellence. Also, the new

MEXICAN CARDS, Hand painted and finished with feathers, forming the most novel thing in this line that has yet come out.

BREMNER BROS. 44 Queen Street, Nov. 18, 1880.

QUEEN STREET BOOT STORE! SIGN OF THE BIG BLUE BOOT. I have about completed a Large and WELL-SELECTED STOCK OF BOOTS & SHOES

All of which I am prepared to sell at very moderate prices. A nice assortment of Ladies' White Slippers, Ladies' and Gents' American Rubbers, Rubber Boots and Overshoes. A novelty in Snow Shoes, Moccasins, and Stocking Protectors. In the Custom Department, to which I give special attention, I have a large and good assortment of French Calf Boot Tops, which I will make up to order at reasonable prices, and warrant them.

JOHN LORSEY. Charlottetown, Nov. 18, 1880—41 2nd, 21 wky

Raw Hides and Leather.

Inspection Act of 1874 and Amending Acts.

A MEETING of the Board of Examiners will be held at the office of ROBERT BRIDGES, Esq., Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 25th day of November, inst., at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of examining applicants for the office of Inspector of Raw Hides and Leather for the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Those applying for the above office will please be in attendance at the above named place.

By order of the Board, ADAM MURRAY, Secretary. Nov. 18, 1880.

ONIONS. ONIONS.

JUST RECEIVED EX MIRAMICHI,— 100 Bbls. Extra Onions. W. D. STEWART.

CLEARANCE SALE OF GENERAL DRY GOODS! -AT- TREMAINE & METCALF'S, 83 QUEEN STREET.

LUMBER.

Planed and Matched Pine and Spruce Boards, Spruce Boards, Pine Plank, Clapboards, Laths, &c., &c.

I WILL sell at AUCTION, on POWNAL WHARF, on SATURDAY, 20th inst., at 3 o'clock,—

18,000 feet Pine and Spruce Boards, planed and matched, 3-8, 1/2, 3/4 and 7-8, in. thick, clear and good, suitable for cabinet makers use and housework, 35,000 feet Spruce Boards, 5,000 feet 2 inch Pine Plank, 10,000 feet Scantling, 3x3 and 5x6, 12,000 pieces Clapboards, 30,000 Laths, 10,000 Boards.

Ex schrs. E. McMillan, Ariadne and Bride. WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer. Nov. 18, 1880.

APPLES. APPLES. NO. 1 WINTER.

I WILL sell at AUCTION, at my Sale Room, Queen Square, on TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 19th inst., at 2 o'clock,— 50 bbls. No. 1 Winter APPLES,—Bishop and Ribston Pippins, Greenings, Vanderveers, etc., etc.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer. Nov. 18, 1880.

Apples, Tobacco, &c.

BY AUCTION, at Salesroom on SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at 11 o'clock:—

50 bbls. N. S. Apples, 10 caddies Tobacco (mahogany), 1 box chewing Tobacco

FENTON T. NEWBERRY. Ch'town, Nov. 18, 1880—

Arrived Ex N. A. Starr,

DIGBY HERRINGS.

VERY Choice Smoked, with head Maple. 500 Boxes. Selling rapidly. Early orders solicited to close.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer. Nov. 18, '80.

HARD COAL.

200 TONS NUT, 50 " EGG. Arrived per Schr. "Adelaide," at Queen's Wharf.

WRIGHT & MACGOWAN. Ch'town, Nov. 18, 1880. 31

Special Depositors in Merchants' Bank.

ALL PERSONS holding the Special Deposit Receipts of this Bank, for moneys deposited by the Shareholders in November and December, 1878, are hereby notified that the Bank is prepared to pay the respective amounts of these Receipts on the day they are payable, viz: DECEMBER 1st, 1880, and that no interest will be allowed or paid by the Bank on such Receipts after that day, unless special arrangements are made therefor with the Cashier.

WM. McLEAN, Cashier. Ch'town, Nov. 15, 1880. nov18-tl 30th inst

Wants, Lost, Found, &c

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

New Cottage To Let, near the residence of the Hon. John Longworth, containing Kitchen, Sitting Room, and three Bedrooms, pleasant and healthy situation, the land adjoining, is well adapted for a Landress or Market Gardener. Inquire at residence of Chief Justice Palmer.—nov 18ced

For Sale—A few choice Otter skins, meth proof, for gents or ladies trimmings, at J. Hobb's Hat and Cap Factory.—nov 18 3in eod

SAFE FOR SALE—Cost \$100 four years since. Will be sold for half-price. Apply to H. COOMBS.

HORSES for sale—Choice of three. Apply to H. COOMBS.

PONY WAGON and HARNESS for sale. Apply to H. COOMBS.

ONE Old Style English Grate and Fireplace for sale. Apply to H. COOMBS.

GALLEY STOVE (cast) and 1 Ship's Cabin Stove—suitable for a small vessel; also Two Companion Ways. Apply to H. COOMBS.

SEVERAL Franklin and Shop Stoves—At low prices. Apply to H. COOMBS. [no 16

TO LET—A Tenement House, situated on Kent street, next door to Dr. Creamer. Apply to Mrs. O'FER, Queen street. [no 13 1/2

FRASER'S DIPHTHERIA REMEDY—For sale at his Drug Store, Queen street. [no 13 3/4

BOARDERS—Three or four Boarders can be accommodated with first-class board and apartments at very reasonable rates, in a pleasant and one of the most convenient localities in the city. Apply at this office. [no 6 1/2

TO LET—A House containing 8 rooms, with stable, coach house, and a large garden attached, fronting on Rochford Square. Possession given immediately. Apply to J. T. CROCKETT, at the Fish Market. [no 2

UMBRELLAS—The subscriber wishes to inform the citizens of Charlottetown that the business of Umbrella mending, &c., is still carried on at the old stand, opposite Mr. R. Bridge's meat store.—S. TAUVIN. [no 25 1/2

Charlottetown, November 18, 1880.