

Editorial Comments, Etc.

THE shadow of the Trusts falling over our Province has caused some alarm. What is to be the outcome of the extending of the Trusts established in the United States, is a question that affords plenty of scope for thought. If they are to be operated after the manner attempted by the notorious Beef Trust, it seems probable that "the masses" will some day have a duty to perform in destroying these trusts. But while the trusts are looked upon with suspicion by nearly all except those who are "inside" them, they have yet to be given a chance before the public can fairly judge whether their power is to be exerted for good or for evil. If they develop for evil, they will no doubt meet with speedy and deserved punishment, and none will pity them; if for good—well, we would all like to wait and see.



In the meantime such a thing as allowing a Trust or anything resembling one to acquire unreasonable privileges in Prince Edward Island should be looked into by everyone having his own and his country's interests at heart. Both *The Examiner* and *The Guardian* are at one in warning the people of this Province of the evil that may be the result of our Legislature granting to any body of capitalists such powers as would enable them to establish business here upon the lines of a monopoly. Something of this nature is proposed to be submitted to our Legislature, and it will be well worth while for all to watch the matter closely. It has been said the trusts are the offspring of labor union. As we are likely to have some experience of both, the study of the subject near at hand may afford some speculation to all who study such matters.



An incident that was made the occasion of marking the retirement from active political life of Sir Louis H. Davies was the presentation to him by his many friends and old political supporters, of his own portrait, painted in oils by Robert Harris, C. M. G. The presentation took place in the Legislative Council Chamber, Charlottetown, in the presence of a large gathering, embracing all shades of political opinion. There are very few who do not feel that Sir Louis is deserving and worthy of the high honors he has been made the recipient of, and of the dignified position which he now occupies after a strenuous political career.