

# THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1884.

## Mr. L. H. Davies' Apology.

The *Patriot* denies that Mr. L. H. Davies is the author of the article in its columns entitled "Bungling Legislation," to which we referred last week. But it may be, the writer in the *Patriot* sought to patch Mr. Davies' shattered reputation, and bolster up his waning popularity at the expense of those whom he was pleased to call "Tory Legislators." It was in defence of the Conservative party, and to show Mr. Davies' unsoundness that we stepped in. We have no objection to Mr. Davies' doing the best he can for his clients, but we are not going to be told by the *Patriot* that in receiving a retainer from the liquor traffic to impeach or overthrow the laws which forbid the sale of intoxicating liquors, Mr. Davies is doing the cause of Temperance. That is rather too ridiculous, particularly when we remember that it is owing to his discovery of what he alleges is a conflict between the Scott Act and the License Act, that the wheels of Justice are now stopped, and that run to-day holds high carnival in the City of Charlottetown.

The *Patriot* last week quoted at some length from the *Herald* to prove that Mr. Davies did not allow the License Act to pass unaltered. That is not an answer to our charge against him. We do not ask the Government to trip them up if possible, and upon the vigilance of the Opposition very much depends. Mr. Davies knew that the Liquor License Act, being a Government measure, would almost certainly pass, and it was therefore his duty, as a member of the Opposition, and if we accept of his authority, an aspirant for his leadership, to have examined every detail of the bill, and to present to the House a bill which would be a real improvement upon the original provisions that he brought forward, and which he is entitled by his friends to call a "Tory Bill." Mr. Davies did not do this, and we cannot acquit him of gross ignorance or neglect of his duty in not bringing the circumstances of the case to the attention of the House of Commons, and demanding the rectification of so serious a blunder.

The *Patriot* asks us to believe that Mr. Davies is doing a public service by trying to find out what the Act means, and that it will be no loss, but a gain to the cause of temperance, to have the whole question of the License Act settled by the decision of the Courts. This is a most extraordinary argument, and if it is sound, it would mean that the Temperance Alliance, who may be supposed to have a very deep interest in the settlement of the question, should join hands with the liquor dealers, and make a legal and parliamentary knowledge with which he is credited by his friends. If we are to believe Mr. Davies' opinion, the Temperance Alliance, who have been so anxious to find out what the Act means, Mr. Davies, if you had been so desirous of doing a public service, and of affecting a gain to the cause of temperance, as he would not indeed wish to remove the cause of drunkenness from your native island, and to strengthen the efforts of those who, for no prospect of earthly reward, are striving day after day to banish the intoxicating cup from our homes, if any higher motive had actuated you than the sordid anxiety for perishable gold, you would never have adopted the course you have taken. To your own matters you stand or fall—by your constituents shall you be judged. Either through your incapacity or neglect, as their representative at Ottawa, you allowed an important measure to become law, or you are seeking, as the paid agent of a party antagonistic to the wishes and interests of your constituents, by legal guiles and tricks, to overturn and nullify the very law which you yourself are responsible for enacting. You can take either horn of the dilemma you choose.

## Our Post Office.

The *Examiner's* objects to a remark we made last week that "our whole postal system requires revision." We are not prepared to withdraw the assertion; on the contrary our experience daily confirms us in such a belief. We willingly acknowledge the valuable efforts of the late Inspectors, Messrs. McLeod and Macdonald, and we admit that, within the last ten or fifteen years, our postal conveniences are much greater than they were previously. But nothing very extraordinary has been accomplished; we have only jugged along after the times—we cannot say we have kept pace with them, otherwise among other improvements, Charlottetown would have a horse delivery and street boxes. Besides, capable as our inspectors have been, even they do not claim that the system is perfect, and we think it requires revision. We did not commit ourselves to a very drastic statement. What does the word "revision" mean? We do not mean to "revise" to look again to see whether we require it to suit with our present conditions. We mean to revise a writing, to make a provision, it was to make him, he must step down and

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## St. Andrew's Day.

The Feast of Scotland's Patron Saint was duly celebrated by the Sons of the Heather on Monday last. After disposing of some routine business at their rooms, the members of the Caledonian Club, to the inspiring strains of the bagpipes, marched to the Rankin House at 9 o'clock, p.m., where an elegant dinner was served. The toast which the speaker put down, including His Honor the Lieut. Governor, Chief of the Club; the Hon. Charles Hamilton, and the Hon. J. A. Macdonald, was followed by the Hon. Mr. B. P. Martin, and other members of the club, who were present in a large number.

## LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

**Passengers per steamer Worcester from Boston this morning:** Misses Price, Gorman, and McQuaid; Messrs. P. Martin, Benj. Bear, A. Campbell, J. Jones.

**The Cape Ann steamer of 29th ult.** says that John McElvirry, a native of this island, 28 years of age and unmarried, was washed overboard from the schooner *Hilford*, and drowned on October 31.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

**DR. M. S. SYLVESTER, of Paris,** Ec. Ac. is one of our specialists from the International Throat and Lung Institute, who is spending a few days in Charlottetown at the Hotel... We had a fine dinner yesterday at Mr. McKibbin's, recently from Nova Scotia, several large worms which have been expelled by various parties...

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## Movements of the Fishing Fleets and Fish Receipts.

We notice 31 fishing arrivals at this port since our last issue, as follows:	
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## General News.

**The staff of King's College, Windsor, N. B.** have been notified their services will not be required after June 30, 1884.

**Three pilots were blown out to sea** last week, and after suffering for some time, they were rescued by the fish boat of the seal man, and sent to the shore.

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**Mr. C. F. Fraser, of** Gen. is at the Banks buying to...

**W. W. McLeod, Esq.** of the Office for the North has recently bought the Lord's station "Hornado"...

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