

hibition of the Liquor Traffic, the measure should receive his support. Now, Sir, take the four candidates, not as party men, but as standing on their individual merits, and, I would not say, on their merits as to the fitness of the measure for Temperance men? But there is another important consideration. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Cole are both to be viewed as party leaders; and it is but reasonable to suppose, that the influence of Mr. Palmer's position would be exercised for Temperance, whilst that of Mr. Cole would be precisely the reverse.

Notwithstanding the Examiner professes to be so dreadfully horrified at the means adopted to secure Messrs. Palmer and Longworth's election,—"intimidation by merchants and officials over their bond slaves, spirituous mechanics!"—"Temperance being prostituted to cover, on the part of many, a base servility to the Family Compact, and on the part of others an inveterate hatred and envy of Mr. Cole!"—with many other alleged means with which I have nothing to do—notwithstanding all this, Sir, the Examiner man cannot but be aware of this fact—for it is known to all—that the Representatives elect for Charlottetown are the free choice of the most intelligent and independent constituency in Prince Edward Island; and, confident as I am of their ability, I am equally so of their determination to exert that ability, conscientiously, for the public good.

In conclusion, Sir, I contend that, in whatever way political parties may be affected by the action of Temperance men, in endeavoring to advance their principles, it must be viewed rather as an unavoidable consequence of, than an incentive to, such action. And the Examiner man, or any other man, may rail at and malign—as has been already done—those whose position and character is the best refutation of their base and baseless slanders; Temperance men, of every rank, at the present day, know well their line of duty,—and, knowing it, will dare manfully to discharge it, and that not as machines, set in motion at the will of others, but as intelligent beings, responsible to a higher and more impartial Judge of human action than any, very many party politicians would, apparently, desire to have their motives tested by.

Yours respectfully,
A MECHANIC, AND A SON OF TEMPERANCE.

[For Haszard's Gazette.]

THE EDUCATION ACT.

As the attention of the House of Assembly will, in all probability, be early directed to revise the existing system of Education in this Colony,—notwithstanding the unqualified praise bestowed on the Act of 1853 in His Excellency's opening Speech—we purpose to point out what amendments we consider will tend to best advance the cause of education and ameliorate the condition of our Teachers, who are too few in number and too much scattered to consult for the advancement of their own interests: in this article then we shall direct attention to a few clauses of the Act, allude to the actual and probable evils resulting from them and endeavor to suggest a remedy.

To clause 5th which determines the qualifications of teachers we shall allude hereafter.—By the 12th clause School-houses erected prior to April 1853 need not be larger than 12 by 14 feet, while of those built since, 16 feet square is the minimum size; even the latter is too small, to contain in addition to the requisite furniture, the number of children which will sometimes have to attend to make up the average of 20.—Clause 20 empowers Trustees to assess all residents for fuel, repairs, books &c. It does not appear just, in addition to a land-tax for educational purposes, to lay a local tax upon those who derive no direct benefit from the School for the purpose of providing firewood and books for their neighbor's children; it may be agreed, many are too poor, granted, and many are too poor to provide shoeing for their children, and more will rather send their staid and bookless, than less well clad than their neighbor's are: In Charlottetown and Georgetown the cost is defrayed, as it should be, by the parents of those in attendance.—Clause 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, with parts of others, define the duties and powers of Trustees, but as there is neither indolence nor compulsion held out, it is very probable great difficulty will be experienced in obtaining men to act, few feeling inclined to trouble the trouble and odium attendant on being their neighbor's trustee and others, as clause 20, just referred to, directs.—Clause 28, requires an average attendance of 20 in each school for the six months prior to the master claiming the Government allowance, and the 17th orders the closing by the Visitor of those where the number falls short: a School can scarcely be efficient where the numbers are very small, and the intention of this clause may be to promote a more regular attendance, but it bears too hard on teachers many of whom may be faithful in the performance of their duties, and yet be deprived of a part of the already small—though allowance, because, as in too many instances the case, but little regard for education is found among the people and even where some regard is exhibited, the advantages of a continuous training are so little appreciated that children are often kept at home for the most frivolous cause: in Prussia the average attendance is 100, in England out of 90 on the roll 72 is the average, in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts 24, and in Australia about 20 or 22; thus it appears, some allowance is due to new countries, in which more numerous Schools with a smaller proportionate number of scholars may be necessary in order to meet the wants of a scattered population. In Australia about one half of the Teacher's income is paid from Government while the other is met by a School-fee and in order to promote the more regular attendance of those who are at school payment of the fee in advance has been introduced in many cases and with favorable results.—By clause 26, Teachers have received the sums of £45 and £60 per annum according to the qualifications specified in clause 5, those of the higher class being allowed a further sum of 10s per head who teach Latin: why are first class

teachers debarred from this extra surely a knowledge of Mathematics, Navigation &c. is not essential to qualify a man to instruct in Latin: we are of opinion that, Physiology or Agricultural Chemistry would prove far more beneficial, for let children learn as much as they can, they will at the last but speak it worse than could the sweepers of the forum in Ancient Rome.

To further the educational interests of our Island, adequate provision must be made for the employment and retention of a sufficient number of gentlemen of suitable character in the capacity of Teachers, and measures must be taken to bring about more regular attendance of Pupils. In order to obtain the former, the country must make up its mind to contribute somewhat more than £50 a year which is relatively a few less now than it was a year, since, when provisions, labor and Goods were 10 per cent cheaper: their pay should be increased annually and rise with each branch of learning they may become sufficiently proficient in, thus an inducement will be held out for men to follow the calling professionally and not as a make-shift:—A small fee should be exacted, as in other countries, payable in advance for while the difference is as nothing to the parents it greatly affects the position of the Teacher; thus, the allowance would bear some proportion to his local exertions and his best endeavors would be used to increase and advance his school: in some countries a fine is levied to compel attendance, we are inclined to think that the deprivation of the privilege of voting at elections would answer the purpose better still: a restriction shall arise which will fully appreciate scholastic education: Certain it is that more can be learnt during 30 consecutive days than 60 scattered through 3 or 4 months, and where the numbers are not very small: as in some settlements children are few and parents require them at home during seed-time and harvest, the plan adopted in Massachusetts of opening schools for 8 months only in the year might be introduced in special cases here, for we believe men could be found willing to teach 4 months less, with a corresponding deduction of Pay, many of our Teachers having land to attend to: moreover this arrangement would favor the permanent settlement of teachers.

There are many cases in which the work of legislation, almost of necessity, exists the strifes of parties as in the present instance there are no selfish or party interests involved, there is nothing that factions can lay hold of or turn to its purpose and we confidently hope that measures when brought forward in the House will not be discussed as party questions.

*Under the old system teachers frequently had great difficulty in obtaining their pay when due, indicating on the part of parents a shameful disregard for common honesty and for the position of the instructors in connection with National Education.

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Passengers in the Mail Boat from Cape Tormentine on Monday the 15th instant:—Athlone, Esq., and Son;—Cuthbert, Esq., from Liverpool; W. O'Connell, Esq., from London;—and Mr. Campbell, from the Island on Tuesday 16th, Messrs. Martin, Ryan, Campbell.

From Cape Tormentine, on Wednesday, Mr. Bailey, from St. John's Newfoundland; Messrs. Conant, Black, and Wright.

Married.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., by the Rev. H. B. Swaby, Mr. John Smallman of Lot 11, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Malcolm Ramsay of Lot 11. On Thursday, the 9th inst., at Lot 11, by the Rev. H. B. Swaby, Mr. John McPhan, to Susan, eldest daughter of Mr. James Carroll of Lot 11. On Wednesday last, by the Rev. John Kane, Mr. John P. Baker of Redoubt, to Miss Sarah, the second daughter of Mr. John Callahan of Lot 48. At Charlottetown, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. J. R. Narway, Mr. Stephen Mills, to Mrs. Charles Hardy, both of Little York. At Charlottetown, on Tuesday the 14th inst., at 7 p. m. by the Rev. David Fitzgerald, Mr. James Phillips Doss, to Maria Susannah Matilda Fanning, youngest daughter of Samuel Nelson, Esq. At Indian River, on the 21st inst., by the Rev. James McDonald, Captain Hugh McDonald, of Lot 42, to Cicely, youngest daughter of Mr. Donald McFayre of Grand River, Lot 14.

Died.

On the 1st February, of Small Pox, at New York, Michael P. Baker, Ship Carpenter, of Grand Tracadie, aged 29 years, much regretted by all who knew him. At Murray Mills, on the 20th inst., Ann, relict of William Dugal, in 78th year of her age having survived her husband for the short space of ten days.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes items like Beef, Pork, Butter, Eggs, etc.

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To Teachers. WANTED a Teacher of the First or Second Class for the Lower Schooling School. Apply to Alexander Hooper, Redoune, March 12th, 1854. 4w

IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

RESOLVED, That no Petition praying aid for Roads, Bridges or Wharfs, or for any object of a local or private nature, be received after Monday the Twentieth day of March next. ORDERED, That the foregoing Resolution be inserted in all the Newspapers published in Charlottetown. JOHN McNEILL, Clerk H. A.

MAILS.

THE Mails for the neighboring Provinces, &c. will be forwarded on and after the 15th December instant via Cape Traverso and Cape Tormentine. They will be made up on that day, and every following Friday, at 12 o'clock noon, and a mail for England will be made up every week at the same time, and forwarded to Halifax. THOMAS OWEN, Postmaster General. General Post Office, Dec. 5, 1853.

Georgetown Mails.

THE Mails for Georgetown will, during the remainder of the Winter and until further notice, be made up and forwarded every Tuesday and Friday morning, at nine o'clock, instead of Mondays and Fridays. THOMAS OWEN, Postmaster General. General Post Office, Jan. 20, 1854.

A CARD.

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform the Public, generally that he has commenced business as a Commission Merchant and Auctioneer. At the corner of Queen & Sydney Streets, and hopes by promptness and punctuality to merit a share of their patronage. ARTEMAS G. SIMMS. CASH advanced upon articles left for Auction.

EATING HOUSE.

THE Subscriber has opened an EATING HOUSE in Mr. Smarden's buildings, opposite to the Market House, where DINNERS, SOUPS, TEA and COFFEES can be had at the shortest notice. Licensed to retail Spirituous Liquors. ALEXANDER BRYSON. N. B. A COOK WANTED. Dec. 26th, 1853.

SMITH BROTHERS,

Commission Merchants, NORTH MARKET WHARF, St. John, New Brunswick. REFERENCE: N. S. Donnell, Esq., Edward Allison, Esq. 6-1

CODFISH and PEARL BARLEY of best quality.

For sale at H. HASZARD'S, LONDON HOUSE. Feb. 14, 1854.

OFFICE REMOVED.

THE Subscriber has removed his Office to his Dwelling House, lately occupied by Andrew Danson, Esquire, at the corner of Prince and Water Streets. JOSEPH HENSLEY. Charlottetown, 2d March, 1854. 6w

MINIATURES! LIKENESSES.

THE Subscriber has just received a handsome stock of Plates and Cases, gold and plated Lockets and Brooches for Likenesses, done by top or side light. Also, a first rate Camera, for sale, with instructions in the old stand. W. C. HOBBS.

WILLIAM SNEESTON, sail maker,

DEGS to inform his friends and Ship builders generally, that he is about to recommence the business of SAIL MAKING in this Island, having spent twenty one years in the Trade in England, during which time he believes he gave full satisfaction to those who employed him. Revenances—Henry Haszard, Esq. Charlottetown, Feb. 6, 1854. 6w

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Subscriber are requested to settle their Accounts before the 1st of April next, as all accounts open at that time will be left with an Attorney for collection. EDWARD SAVILLE. Grand River, Lot 55, Feb. 23, 1854.

Carriages! Carriages! Carriages!

THE Subscriber, thankful for past favors, takes this opportunity to inform his friends, and the public generally, that he has removed to Green's Shore, and will be prepared to furnish Carriages, of every description, at the shortest notice; and he hopes by punctuality and good workmanship, to merit a share of public patronage. JOHN TODD.

THE Subscriber having, by Power of Attorney,

bearing date the 10th of January last, been appointed Agent for the Misses Stewart, of Charlottetown, in this Island, to take the management of their Property, on Township No. 18, hereby notifies all persons on the said Lot, indebted to the Misses Stewart, for Rent, Arrears of Rent, or otherwise, to pay the same forthwith. Any person or persons found Trespassing on the said Property, will be prosecuted to the utmost rigor of the Law. CHARLES S. HUNT. Miscouche, February 22, 1854.

APPRENTICE WANTED.

A SMART BOY, of about 12 or 14 years of age, with a good English Education. Apply at this Office.

AUCTIONS.

NO. 1. HERRINGS.

TO BE SOLD by Auction, on TUESDAY next, the 21st inst., at the Subscriber's Sale Room, at 11 o'clock—200 BARRELS No. 1 Newfoundland and Labrador HERRINGS. A. H. YATES. Charlottetown, March 17, 1854.

Prime Apples! Prime Apples!!

BY JAMES MORRIS. TO BE SOLD, by Auction, on TUESDAY next, the 21st inst., at the Store of Mr. S. SALAN-GER, Queen Street, 20 Bks. PRIME REDSETTS and BALDWIN APPLES. Charlottetown, March 17, 1854.

Tea! Sugar! Molasses! Tobacco!

Buckets! Brooms! &c. &c. BY JAMES MORRIS. BY AUCTION at the Subscriber's Sale Room (Tremaine's Corner) on THURSDAY, the 23d March, at 11 o'clock—10 Hds. Assam TEA, (warranted) 10 Half chests do. do. 7 Hds. Moscovado SUGAR, 10 Tons do. MOLASSES, (a superior article) 10 Bks. do. do. 5 Bales TOBACCO, 6 Dzs. Baskets, 6 Dzs. Brooms, 2 Tons Rice, 1 Box Lemons, 6 Cooking and Frying STOVES. Terms of Sale. Charlottetown, March 17, 1854.

Properties for Sale.

THE Subscriber offers to sell, at moderate rates, and on reasonable terms, his right by Deed to the following Freehold Properties, viz: 100 acres of Land on Lot or Township No. 3. 300 acres on Lot No. 5; 450 acres at Fifteen Point; 22 acres on Lot No. 25, near McMurdo's; and 72 acres at Seven Mile Bay. Also, His interest in the following Leasehold Premises, viz: 44 acres of Land with Dwelling House, Store, Barn, and Out-houses on Lot 18, near the Indian River Chapel, which is an excellent business stand. It is now in the occupation of Mr. J. Coughlan. Also, the Property in Tryon, formerly occupied by the late George Byrom. The above Tracts of Land being generally known, require little, if any further description. J. WEATHERS. Charlottetown, 10th Feb., 1854. 6w

COMMISSARIAT.

DRAFTS at sight on the Commissariat Chest at Halifax, will be given in exchange for British Coins, or Mexican Dollars, at par. JAMES B. LUNDY, D. A. C. G. Commissariat, P. E. Island. 23d Nov., 1853.

FOR SALE.

A SCHOONER sixteen Tons, nearly new, Sails and rigging one year in use. For further Particulars apply to Mr. KENNETH McKENZIE. Pownall Street Charlottetown, Dec. 19th, 1853.

LONDON HOUSE.

New Fall Goods, for 1853.

JUST RECEIVED at the LONDON HOUSE, an extensive supply of BRITISH GOODS, suitable for the season, comprising in DRY GOODS: Silks, Satins, plain and figured; More Antique Dresses, Pleated in every shade, French Merinos, Silk Velvets, black and colored; Orleans and Coleridge, Dress materials of every kind, Clothings in great variety, Robes in the latest fashion, Prints good and cheap, Damasks and Moreens, Fringes and Lace for do., Gents' silk, felt and covered Hats, Fur and Cloth Caps, Umbrellas, cotton and silk; Ladies' and Children's Stays, Do. cotton Dresses, Habit Shirts, Chemisettes, Sleeves, Collars and Cuffs, Laces and Muslins, Jewellery, large assortment; Vases, in every form; Gents' Seal Overcoats, Work Boxes and Cases; Hosiery, in all the new styles, Shawls in variety, Ribbons of all kinds, Fancy Trimmings, Dress Buttons, Ladies' winter Bonnets, Do. dress and other Caps, Do. Cap Fronts and Borders, Artificial Flowers, Gloves and Hosiery, Ladies' and Children's Boots and Shoes, Carpet Slippers, Leather Slippers, Berlin Wools and Patterns, Penelope Canvas, Haberdashery, Millinery, large variety; Hollands and Linens, Linen and Cotton Bed Ticks, Ready made Clothing, Oil floor Cloth, all widths; Cloth and worsted Table Covers, Table Linen, Twilled Shirtings, Regatta and fancy do., Long Cloths, unpressed, Domestic Cottons; Beaver, Pilot, superfine and fancy Cloths, Downings in variety, Worsted Cord, new article; Heating Cord, Mole-skins, Black and colored Cotton Velvets, Blankets, all prices; Domestic Sheet, Flannels and Serges; Corded, quilted and hair Petticoats, Children's Dresses, Floor and stair Carpeting, Crumb Cloths, Stair Damask, Rubber Coats, Boots, Shoes and Leggings, Stationery, Perfumery, Hair oils, Toilet Soaps, Chamois Skins, Petticoat Cord, Travelling Bags, Ladies' Fans, Linings, French Cambrie Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Neck Ties, Table Mats, Cotton and muslin Handkerchiefs, Bonnet Shapes, Cap Shapes and Goggles, Gents' Mullers, Health Rugs, Socks and Stockings. GROCERIES: Southing and Congou Tea, Coffee, Homeopathic Chocolate, Crushed and moist Sugar; Baking Powder, Table Salt, Ground and whole Rice, Split Peas, Mustard, Preserved Citron, cheap; Pickling Spice, Spices of all kinds, Glenfield and Poland Starch, Fig and button Blue, Washing Powder Albert eight lights, Soap, Candles. Also, a Large and General Assortment of Hardware, the whole having been selected by the Subscriber in person, and purchased direct from the manufacturers, he can with confidence, recommend them to the public as good and cheap, at the establishment of Opposite the Catholic Chapel, Great George Street, Charlottetown, Nov. 16th, 1853.