

The Herald.

Wednesday, December 25, 1867.

REPUDIATION.

In the obituary of the late Hon. Mr. Whelan, which appeared in the Islander of Friday last, a sentence occurs which made more than a passing impression upon us. In palliation of any harsh expressions that may have occurred in the writings and speeches of the deceased, the editor of the Islander very truly pleads the delusory influence which a participation in the petty contests of local politics exercises. Shakespeare, than whom no greater judge of human nature ever lived, defines politics in general thus, in the third scene of the third act of Timon of Athens:

"The devil know not what he did when he made man politic. He crossed himself by it, and I cannot think but in the end, the vintages of man will set him clear."

Now, it is not the pettiness of the politics of this Colony which renders them delusory; but rather the dishonesty of politicians. Many politicians have to grapple with are national in their character. It is the inherent baseness of the men themselves which renders politics odious. The surroundings attendant upon an active participation in political contests too often possess a delusory influence; but it matters little to a man of principle and honesty of purpose whether he is a village statesman or the councillor of a mighty nation. In either position he can retain his character. We are prepared to admit that the fickleness of popular favor naturally tends to make politicians selfish and insincere, but in the great majority of cases the delusory observance of the rulers of a state, whether large or small, proceeds, we repeat, from an innate worthlessness of character. In a commonwealth where popularity was the passport to official position, Aristides preserved the character of JUST; and so might all politicians if they acted from the conviction of right alone. In such case there would be less of that bickering and heart-burning than that which too often disgraces and divides modern christian society; and we would have little reason to deplore the delusory influence of political warfare. We have no doubt that an acute observer like the Editor of the Islander endorses this view of the case, and therefore it is that we read with regret his attempt to raise a mischievous agitation among the land holders of the Colony—an agitation which, while it may serve an ephemeral purpose by embarrassing the Government, will yet recoil with disaster upon himself and the party in whose interest it is. The object of the "Islander" is to persuade the purchasers under the Government of the Selkirk Estate, that they have paid too much for their holdings and that although they have voluntarily bound themselves to pay a certain price for their lands, and are legally bound to pay the same, still they should attempt to repudiate their agreements. This much denounced Tenant League never went further than this, and no paper in the Colony was more zealous in executing the principles of the League than the "Islander." If it was wrong to incite the tenants to repudiate their obligations with their landlords, it is equally wrong to incite them to repudiate their obligations with the Government; and the criminality of the "Islander" is all the graver from the fact that the editor of that paper was one of the parties who agreed to the valuation of the Selkirk Estate, and assisted in bringing the settlers thereon under such valuation. It is an easy matter to persuade the tenants that they pay too much for their lands; but once such a belief is raised, it is not quite so easy to allay it. The Editor of the Islander may find this to his cost in the future if the present Government should deem it advisable to establish a precedent by yielding to the demands of the occupants of the Selkirk Estate from the injudicious agitation of that paper. It is moreover, unfortunate for the Editor of the Islander that he so long neglected the interests of his former constituents, and only discovered when his opponents came into power that the poor Highlanders were compelled by himself and his friends to pay too large a price for their lands. We are unaware whether they have done so or not, but we would advise the occupants of the Selkirk Estate, as well as those of various other Estates on the Island, to ascertain first whether they really have been charged too high for their lands by the Gray and Pope Government, and whether they have already paid the first cost for the same over and above working expenses, before they involve themselves in law expenses and agitation to

escape their accruing liabilities. If the purchasers of the Selkirk Estate are not content to pay a trifle over the original cost of their lands in order to enable the Government to assist their fellow-colonists who are still under the bonds of landlordism, they can easily ascertain at the Land Office, by a committee of three intelligent men, the information which they desire. If the result of their investigation confirms the Islander's statement, a memorial to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council will meet with that attentive consideration which should characterise a Government earnest and zealous—as we sincerely believe the present Executive to be—to assist by every possible means the cultivators of the soil of this Island. This course will not only not entail any expense upon the tenants, but is also the only feasible one to obtain a redress of any grievances under which they labor, in being compelled to pay the price agreed upon by themselves for the lands which they occupy. We have no doubt the good sense of the tenants themselves will lead them to view the matter in this light, and dictate to them the best course of action without further advice from any quarter.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF KING'S COUNTY. GENTLEMEN:—

About nine months ago, when you so far honored me with your confidence as to elect me one of your Representatives to the House of Assembly, I assured you that I was not an office-seeker. In fulfillment of that promise, which was dictated by a consideration of the long and valued services of the late Hon. E. Whelan, I refused the office of Queen's Printer, which was offered to me by the Government in the month of April last. I am aware that, in many particulars, I have failed in my official position to give you that satisfaction which you, perhaps, anticipated, and which I myself would desire; but in extenuation of this, the peculiar difficulties of my position must be borne in mind—the short time allotted to me to exercise the power placed in my hands, and the trouble arising from the want of a thorough knowledge of the various localities in the District, and its wants. These difficulties are being gradually removed, and I still confidently entertain the sanguine hope that, re-commended by the active support of my colleagues, I shall be able to satisfy the reasonable expectations of the large majority of you. As to any promise of a public or private nature which I made previous to the last election, I can honestly say that I have earnestly labored to redeem it, as far as my influence and means would allow me.

With these preliminary observations, I will at once proceed to state the cause of the present address. As you are already aware, God, in his mysterious Providence, having summoned the late lamented Hon. E. Whelan, Queen's Printer, from this world, a vacancy has occurred in the office held by him, which the Government, without any solicitation on my part, has asked me to fill. After due consideration, I have consented. As a consequence, my seat in the House of Assembly will become vacant, and I shall appeal to you straightforwardly and fearlessly, for re-election. If, from the short experience you have had of me, you still retain sufficient confidence in me to assign my interest to my keeping, I promise to guard them and advance them to the best of my ability. My political views have undergone no change since I last addressed you. If the roads and weather will permit, I will personally see as many of you as I possibly can between this and the day of election, in order to give an account of my stewardship whilst your representative, and to receive your instructions for future guidance.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your most obedient servant, EDWARD REILLY. Cl'own, Dec. 25, 1867.

EXPLANATION.

In wishing our readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we have to offer an explanation for the present diminished appearance of the Herald. The Queen's Printing having been unexpectedly bestowed upon us, and not not having been prepared for it, we are forced to recognise our printing paper for the Royal Gazette until we obtain a supply which we have ordered across the Straits. As we do not expect this supply within eight or ten days, we prefer to omit publishing the Herald next week. On the week following, however, we will appear before our readers in our usual dress and dimensions, trusting that the enlarged charity and good feelings which actuate our readers at this season of social festivity, will lead them to overlook our defects for the time being. The compliments of the season to you all."

ROYAL GAZETTE NOTICE.—Having been unable to obtain the Royal Gazette list from the Examiner Office, we have to request all those who may have subscribed for the Gazette to send in their names to this office so that we may be enabled to forward the paper to them. All advertisements of Stray Cattle, &c., must be paid for in advance, and the cash to accompany the insertion. TERMS OF ADVERTISING.—16 lines or under, 6s; and 1s. for each continuation. Larger advertisements at proportionate rates. Annual subscriptions 5s.

THE MAILS.

The mail couriers effected a crossing for the first time this season, on Wednesday last, from Cape Turmentine to Cape Travers, with several mails which had accumulated for the previous fortnight. The mail was forwarded to Charlottetown the same night, and, notwithstanding their unusually large character, the Post Office authorities, with a despatch worthy of praise, assorted and distributed them within a few hours after their reception. We have not had time to more than glance through the large number of exchanges we received, and whatever of interest we have noticed in Colonial, American, and European affairs will be found in to-day's paper. The English Mail for this Island, which arrived in Halifax on Tuesday last week, was not received here until Saturday night.

By telegraph to the Charlottetown News Room, we learn that the Dominion Tariff, which imposes a duty of ten cents upon all imported oils and other grain, and four or five cents upon butter, potatoes, &c., does not apply to this Island or Newfoundland, whose products are allowed, as usual, to enter all parts of the Dominion duty free. We are glad of this, not on account of the importance of the trade between the Dominion and this Island, but because of the bad feeling which such a discriminating duty (if it had been carried into effect against this Island,) would have excited, and because it would undoubtedly have led to retaliation, by this Legislature imposing a prohibitive duty upon Canadian flour, which might have been done with impunity, whilst the Nova Scotia and the New Brunswick consumers would have had to pay "through the nose" for the additional duty imposed upon Island produce.

At the departmental elections held in Nova Scotia on the 12th inst., the Government officers were returned by overwhelming majorities, where a contest took place.

Mr. Seth D. Shaw opened the following subject for debate at the Charlottetown Debating Club on Friday evening last, viz:—"Is man the creature of circumstances?"

The Young Men's Christian Association have opened a Reading Room for the benefit of the members of the Association in the building near the Union Bank formerly occupied as Ais Depot for Smith's Brewery.

OUR FISHERIES.

On motion of Capt. Fortin, a return has been made of all sums paid by Americans for license to fish in our waters for the past two years, and the following are the returns:—

New Scotia.—In 1866, 341 vessels at 50 cents per ton, yielding \$9,525 50; in 1867, 277 vessels, at \$1.00 per ton, amounting to \$27,700.

Canada.—In 1866, 10 vessels, by schooner La Canadienne, at 50 cents a ton, amounting to \$250.

New Brunswick.—In 1866, 1 vessel, at 50 cents per ton, —\$15.

Total for two years, \$23,109 50.

P. E. Island makes no returns to the Dominion Parliament, and this year a great number of licenses have been issued by the Government of that Province, to the great benefit of its Treasury. But even if we could suppose that during the two years the Island issued as many licenses as all the other Provinces put together, how paltry a price \$23,109 a year is for fisheries which we have been so fond of calling invaluable? The whole amount would scarcely pay for one month's expenses of the gunboat employed to afford a quasi protection to the fisheries.

And this is the way Confederation protects our fisheries.—[St. John Freeman.

On the 22nd ult., a girl about 18 years of age, named Amelia McGregor, a native of Prince Edward Island, living in a family at East Gloucester, Massachusetts, committed suicide by hanging herself from the stair-rail in the front entry of the house. Disappointment in love is said to have been the cause of the tragedy.—[Hib. Reporter.

News by Telegraph. London, Dec. 8. Fears are entertained in Paris of a Ministerial crisis, in consequence of the last speech of M. Rouher on the Roman question before the Corps Legislatif.

The speech of the French Minister, M. Rouher, in which he said that Italy should not take forcible possession of Rome, gave rise to an angry debate in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. Prime Minister M. Drouin informed the House that he had asked the French Government for an explanation of the speech, and he expected to receive a reply from Paris by Monday. He added that Italy could only

gain possession of Rome with the other European Powers. It was impossible to achieve it at the end of the debate a vote of 150 in favor of the Government was sustained by 120 members.

Advises from Porto Rico to received. A terrible earthquake in the lat. At one place the houses were destroyed, and the scene of the people were dashed in ruins, and the cries were heard for miles.

The Steamship Cuba arrives with passengers and crew, and the crew were heard for miles.

Despatches received from expeditionary force had rear water. Naives friendly.

Terrible explosion at N. New York, six persons killed. Several policemen badly hurt, and in a critical condition.

Dec. 19th, a. m.—A man I have lit the fuse at the examination takes place to sent continues. Prosecution against John Martin, Provost Marshal, editor of Dublin N. prominent part in Fenian Africa coming up Halifax Cape Tormentine at 7 this m

Powder was placed upon it, in which a number of reparations were all completed. Attracting attention, to the arrangement of the m at explode, and the plot a attempt could be renewed, he could be obtained to 1 Gold 135 1-2.

At a large meeting held in New York, a speech was made by Mr. J. P. Jones, which is general opinion of the public mind was formerly a young Ireland party, and the Mitchell in the public mind, and was excited to 11100 of 1848. He has the repeal of the Union Irish National League, a at all, connected with it rest is anticipated.

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Holloway's Pills and (Dolores.—These dis in this country, being, sometimes for, alleviate the sufferings of Holloway's Pills failed to exerts a peculiar relaxes and muscles, relax attack soon becomes in the paroxysms long Pills restore the body tion to a state of he rdden for months wit after using the Oint nably short period.

On the 22nd December, 1867, the late Mr. J. P. Jones, of the City, died at 3 minutes past 3 o'clock.

Hope River, on the 18th ult. she bore with child Sarah, the beloved wife of the late Peter Mc Donnell, was a native county Monaghan, in 4 to this Colony in family to move there Sunday, the 18th inst. at Georgetown, Esq. J. P., and (Georgetown, aged 40 y

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The Steamship Cuba arrived from St. Thomas. The passengers are repairing their houses, and are endeavoring to make them once more habitable.

London, Dec. 17, evening. Despatches received from Moscow report British expeditionary force had reached Lenare. Absence of water. Natives friendly.

Terrible explosion at Newcastle-on-Tyne, to-day, on the 15th inst., by the explosion of a boiler at the...

London, Dec. 18, a. m.—A man has been arrested supposed to have lit the fuse at the explosion at Clerkenwell...

Powder was placed under one wall of Millbank Hill, in which a number of Fenians are confined, and...

At a large meeting held in Dublin on Sunday, a powerful speech was made by John Martin, of Killy...

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SHIP NEWS.

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Brig, Ada, of Walton, from Port, land to Halifax on Wednesday night, the 4th inst. It is supposed...

Brig, Rogers and Laura, of P. E. I., bound to Great Britain, are both at Hallowbury, very leaky, and...

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NOTICE. ENGLISH MAIL. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF NOVASCOZIA has notified me that the next despatch of English Mail...

LEVEE. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor will hold a Levee at Government House, on Wednesday, the first day of January next...

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A CARD. DR. MCPHEE (late of St. Peter's Bay) begs to inform the inhabitants of Crapaud and vicinity...

PAPIER MACHE GOODS. WORK BOXES. WRITING DESKS. CARD BOXES. NETTING BOXES. FORT FOLIOUR, &c. &c.

NOTICE! THERE is on the Subscribers premises for the last two months, a dark BULL, about three years old...

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THE YEAR BOOK AND ALMANAC OF CANADA FOR 1868.

BEING AN ANNUAL STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE DOMINION, and a Record of LEGISLATION and PUBLIC MEN in British North America...

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