

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE EXPIRING TELEGRAPH CONTRACT.

Down to five years ago the people of Prince Edward Island were paying a fifty cent rate for ten-word messages, even to points in sight across the Straits. There was no night service. The telegraph office in Charlottetown closed at 8 o'clock in the evening and remained closed for twelve hours of the night. Press messages were charged at proportionately exorbitant rates with private messages. Such were the conditions only five years ago.

For years previous The Guardian had conducted an agitation to secure for the people here the same favorable conditions and rates in telegraph service as the people of the mainland enjoy. Horace Hazard, M.P., then took up the matter with Hon. Mr. Fielding and brought about a new arrangement, under which the Anglo-American Telegraph Company were to receive for five years an additional subsidy of \$5,000 a year and were to give an all-night service with the reduced rates that have since been in vogue.

What is of present consequence is that the agreement referred to will expire next month, and unless it shall be in the meantime renewed or a new agreement made, the Province and its people will be quite at the mercy of the telegraph company as to the re-imposition of the old rates and the former limited hours of service. We do not think that either the people or the company would welcome a relapse to the old order of things. We believe it to be quite beyond question that with the added subsidy the present agreement has been profitable to the company.

Be that as it may, the general feeling is that the company should be fairly remunerated for its service, and that the service should be further improved and modernised, admitting that it is now very much better than it was in the old days. In any new arrangement that shall be made it should be stipulated that Charlottetown and the Province shall have equal advantages and facilities for the sending and receiving of telegraph messages at all hours with those enjoyed by cities and communities on the mainland.

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A GENERAL ELECTION NEAR IN GREAT BRITAIN.

It is now practically certain that the House of Lords will reject the Liberal budget, insisting that the new taxes are of so radical a character that they can only be justified by a direct mandate from the people. This ground is skillfully chosen, and in some respects will place the Government at a disadvantage. In any case it will force an appeal to the people, and it is predicted that, following the rejection of the budget by the Lords in October, a general election will be brought on in November.

These are exciting times in the Mother Country. Lord Rosebery, successor to Gladstone in the leadership of the Liberal party, has turned his back against the Liberal Government and will no doubt fight against them in the coming contest, along with other Lords and landlords, protectionists, tariff reformers, brewers and publicans. It is a motley array, but if the combination holds together will put up a great and stubborn fight. At this stage it would be rash to predict what the end may be.

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THE MOUNTAIN SECTION.

An Ottawa despatch tells of the return of Mr. Schreiber, consulting engineer of the Railway Department from a trip of inspection on the Grand Trunk Pacific construction in the far west. He reports that slow progress is being made and must continue unless the contractors are allowed to import other than white laborers. And, of course, British Columbia will resist to the utmost the importation of Asiatics.

According to Mr. Schreiber a year has been spent in getting the first hundred mile section graded and ready for the rails from the coast eastward. Twenty thousand men will be required on the other four contracts in the mountain section, while at present the contractors on the first section have only been able to get about two thousand by paying them three dollars a day and board. Where common labor costs \$100 per month, railway construction becomes enormously costly. What the entire cost of the road across the continent will be can only be vaguely imagined.

In the Patriot's trumped-up statement of account against the Province and in favor of the Dominion, we have proved that in five out of fifteen items the Province was wrongly charged with more than \$630,000. We leave this matter to such of our readers as are skilled in accounts, which The Patriot editor has certainly not shown himself to be. On the unpatriotic course of the Liberal organ in representing the Province as overpaid by and a debtor to the Dominion, there seems no need for the present to say more. Whether it is right or defensible to pay out public money from month to month in salary to a rabid partisan writer, we leave the people to judge. They are taxed to pay it, as they are taxed to pay tens of thousands of dollars wasted and misappropriated otherwise.

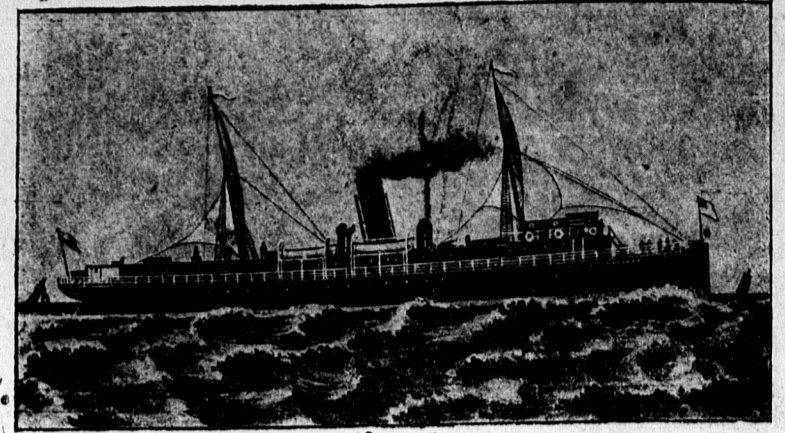
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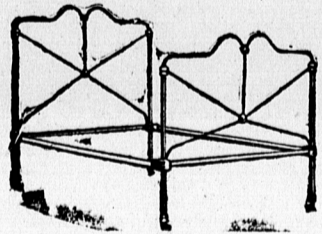
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