

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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A CURATE'S REMARKABLE VISION.

The London Psychological Research Society is puzzling over the reported vision of a curate in Norfolk, who affirms that he saw at his home in England the vicar of the parish, who was at the time bodily absent in Algeria. Rev. J. Brock was the curate-in-charge at East Hadham, King's Lynn. Dr. Astley, the vicar, had gone to Algeria to take up a chaplaincy there during the winter for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. On his way thither he met with a railway accident, but was not seriously hurt, although Mrs. Astley had a leg broken and sustained an injury to her face. As the accident appears to have taken place some hours earlier than the vision there may or may not be any connection between the two. Be that as it may, this is the way the curate, Rev. Mr. Brock, describes what he saw:

"On Boxing Day evening, between four and five o'clock, the housekeeper here came into the vicarage and said, 'Come and see Dr. Astley.' 'See Dr. Astley?' I said. 'Yes, Dr. Astley.' She took me into the study, and asked me to look out of the window. I glanced over the lawn, and saw nothing. 'You are looking in the wrong direction,' she explained, 'look there!' And there I saw the full presentation of a clergyman with a Cuddesdon collar gleaming white in the gathering darkness (about 4.40). I turned and looked behind me. 'It must be a reflection of myself,' I said. That, however, was impossible. I looked again more carefully. The vision represented a clergyman sitting at a table or desk, with books before him. I noticed also a gold chain across his waistcoat (this is how Dr. Astley wore it). I had three or four views, and then went outside and looked at the opposed wall against which the figure was sitting. It was really an alcove, and the housekeeper said the vicar used to sit there and read in the summer." While the eminent and learned

psychical researchers are investigating this matter and may be long about it, we may ourselves apply a little common sense to an inquiry of our own. The housekeeper, very probably an ignorant and more or less superstitious body, thinking intently of the absent vicar, and how he used to sit out there with his books about him, fancied she really saw him, and called the curate. She named Dr. Astley and called the curate to look. This recalled to him a mental image of the absent vicar, and although the curate could not see him at first, he at length thought he saw what he was looking for. So much for the vision.

There are no doubt many well authenticated accounts of persons who have believed they saw the phantoms or apparitions of other persons, either living or dead, far distant from where the bodies of such apparitions were at the time. Whether such sights or visions were real or imaginary the reader may judge. But in this case it seems extremely improbable that the vicar would leave his wife in a strange land, she with a broken limb and a scratched face, while he slipped away out of his body and off through the air to his English vicarage to sit on the lawn and read.

Moreover, the vision, if we are to accept it as genuine, would require us to believe that the phantom vicar brought with him a phantom desk to sit at, phantom books to read, a phantom watch chain for show and so on. This is rather too much luggage for a ghost to carry from Algeria to England. So far as our reading goes they mostly travel without encumbrance. It is far easier to believe that the housekeeper had been "taking something" and that her imagination was stirred with another spirit than that of the absent vicar. As for the curate he seems not to be unwilling to enjoy the distinction of having seen a vision.

EFFICIENT AND CONTINUOUS STEAM SERVICE

Efficient Steam Service for the conveyance of Mails and Passengers, to be established and maintained between the Island and the Dominion, Winter and Summer, thus placing the Island in continuous communication with the International Railway and the Railway System of the Dominion.

That was what the Government of Canada undertook to do on our behalf in the Island would join the Federation. The way was to be opened and kept open. The service was to be by steam. It was to be efficient. The measure of efficiency was to be that it should give continuous communication with the International Railway for mails and passengers.

How has this treaty compact been carried out? During the first three years, 1873-6 nothing was done. Then the Northern Light was put on. It is on official record that this steamer was laid up on an average seventy days during each winter.

The Stanley was out on 1888. In the ten winters following, down to the date of the Minto, in 1898, the Stanley made 678 trips in winter seasons aggregating 1559 days, with long breaks of ten to twenty days at a time. In other words, the communication was not kept up nearly half the time.

Since the Minto was placed on the route we have had the same frequent interruptions, with two long stoppages of 59 and 60 days at a time.

Thus Canada has failed most miserably and shamefully to keep her solemn treaty compact with Prince Edward Island. And it is clear, and admitted that steamers can never supply the stipulated efficient and continuous service.

In April, 1883 a Committee of the Privy Council at Ottawa reported that "after long and careful consideration of the subject and examination of persons papers and records, it is the unanimous opinion of the Members of Committee, confirmed by the testimony of witnesses of large practical experience that NO STEAM SHIPS CAN BE BUILT CAPABLE OF KEEPING UP CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION IN MIDWINTER."

This then is the situation. Canada is bound to keep up efficient and continuous communication between the Island and the mainland. The Government of Canada has long been convinced and is repeatedly on record that the stipulated service can never be rendered by means of steamers.

There remains only the Tunnel. It was strongly recommended by Lord Granville to the Dominion Government in March, 1883. Sir John McDonald promised in 1891 to recommend its construction to Parliament, if the Stanley failed to keep up continuous communication as she did fail. Mr. Laurier wrote the Guardian in the same month that the Tunnel must be built if at all reasonably practicable.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Wives League will be held at the Artillery Armouries at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A full attendance of all members is requested.

St. Peter's Schoolroom, Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Last appearance for the season of Mrs. Jarley's world renowned wax works, as exhibited before the uncrowned heads of Europe. The laughable farce Who's Who, and eight Merry Widows from New York, in a chorus. Admission 25c. 1-30d31.

The ladies of St. Columba's Presbyterian Church intend holding a basket social on February 4. P. Noss has kindly consented to give one of his popular lectures and other friends from Charlottetown will also assist in the program. Admission 10c, ladies with baskets free. 1-30d21

The annual meeting of Queen's County, L. O. A., will be held in St. George's Lodge Room, Charlottetown, on Tuesday the 2nd of February at 2 o'clock p. m. Geo. W. Hooper, Cor. Secretary.

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Dominion is well able to build it, is bound to build it. It will pay Canada to build the Tunnel, because what it would save and what it would earn would much more than pay the interest on its cost.

This is the whole case in a nutshell. Meanwhile the condition of our winter communication is a standing indictment of the failure of the Dominion to keep faith with Prince Edward Island.

The Patriot in the headlines of its Ottawa despatch quite mistakes the meaning of Senator Scott's scheme of Senate reform. Under his scheme Prince Edward Island would not "lose two Senators," or lose any at all. As vacancies occur two of our Senators would be elected and two appointed. The plan has much to recommend it and will be further considered in The Guardian of Monday next.

The opening of the Legislature on Tuesday next will probably give us stormy political weather for a month or so thereafter. The direction and velocity of the wind and the temperature of the atmosphere will be recorded daily in The Guardian.

No mails from the mainland Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday of this week.

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The scattered leaves from oak tree torn That in the gust flit by With rustlings weird have strength to mourn, To voice at least a sigh: Poor petal, far more frail than they, It dabbly meets its death, Though pleasures fleet, and hope be tray, Sweet to its latest breath.

The day is cold The year is old, There's not a star to cheer, It wrings the heartstrings to behold A little thing—it dims the eye— That hath no voice to moan, And only seeks a spot to die In darkness and alone.

A moment hurls the piercing blast— It flutters to the ground, And neath a wayside hedge at last The long-sought rest is found, There let the wind and spider weave And shroud-like be his web, Ay, let him weave, and let him grieve— There's naught of Summer left, —Samuel Minturn Peck.

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Tenders For Stone

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned at his office, City Hall up to noon on the 31st day of Feb'y next, from any person or persons willing to enter into a contract for the supplying the city with 250 cubic yards of Red Sand stone in lots of not less than 25 yards, stone to be delivered at Victoria Park Roadway, and piled by contractor, where and as directed by the City Surveyor, and all to be delivered on or before the first day of May, 1909. No payments will be made on account of parts of contracted lots entered into. City not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. By order of the Park Committee, W. W. CLARKE, City Clerk. Charlottetown, City Hall, Jan. 28th, 1909. 1-29d31.

Tender For Wood

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned at his office, City Hall, until noon 31st day of Feb'y next, from any person or persons willing to enter into a contract for supplying the city with (50) Fifty cords of soft wood in lots of not less than ten cords of clear sound soft wood cut in 8' eight feet lengths, and from 2' to 10' diameter, wood to be delivered on or before the 20th day of March, 1909 at Victoria Park Roadway, and piled where and as directed by the City Surveyor. No payment will be made on parts of contracted lot entered into. City not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. By order of the Park Committee, W. W. CLARKE, City Clerk. Charlottetown, City Hall, Jan. 28th, 1909. 1-29d31.

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