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**THE MORNING GUARDIAN**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1902.

The success of the Exhibition in both the excellence of the display and the record-breaking attendance, the sales of such live stock on the grounds and the increased business done in the City, was such as ought to settle the question of an annual Exhibition in the years to come. We can't afford not to have one next year.

The Patriot tells that Hon. D. Farquharson, M. P., has ordered two bells respectively for the West River Presbyterian Church, and for the Cornwall Methodist Church. The bells will be inscribed as the pastors and congregations may desire. The gifts are highly creditably to the donor and we are sure will be much appreciated.

**CHECK FROM PEARY.**

NEW YORK, September 23.—Herbert L. Bridgman, the treasurer of the Peary Arctic expedition fund, in speaking this morning of Lieutenant Peary's disposition, told of a check that the lieutenant had given to Matt Henson, his negro servant, for rounding with him the most northern point in Greenland. The check was for \$100 and had these words incorporated in it: "For gallant and efficient services in rounding the most northern land on the globe." Although the check was given to Henson in 1900, it was not cashed until today, when it was presented for payment at the Chase National Athenaeum.

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**THE EDITOR'S MAIL.**

**THE PROPOSED PACKING PLANT FROM A BUSINESS STAND-POINT.**

SIR.—I notice that Mr. McKinnon's packing plant has been incorporated with a capital of \$1000,000. The first thought that suggests itself is, is this capital necessary to conduct the business they propose for the Island? I have it from a man who knows what he is talking about that he would not care to have more than one tenth of this amount invested to carry on such a business, knowing as he does the quantity of products he could obtain. Why then should this concern require \$1,000,000 capital? They can only expect to make it remunerative by one or both of the following methods: First they would buy out all the competing concerns (with capital guaranteed by our people) then they would boom their stock and sell it to the public, thus realizing a handsome profit of possibly half a million dollars for the promoters of the concern. That they expect to do this and not operate the plant very long would look feasible as we have to on reliable authority that they have approached a Halifax concern which buys large quantities of hogs here with the purpose of buying them out. They would thus remove the opposition and have good grounds for boasting their stock, as it is now well known that they have Messrs. R. & C. Embury's plant already under option. Should they operate the plant they would certainly have a monopoly of the entire Island. Where would the farmers be then?

It is a well known fact that at present we have active competition in marketing our hogs with the local buyers and buyers for Halifax and other concerns. There is no time of the year when hogs are not in active demand. True, we have only one plant taking live hogs and the only reason for this is because there are not hogs to supply more. At no time can the present demand be supplied. The only time we come near it at all is November and December but even then large buyers inform us that they cannot get near all the hogs they want, whilst during any other months of the year they cannot get 10% of what they need.

Why in the face of this should our Government think of giving the peoples money to outside stock speculators? What is true of hogs is true of all other branches they propose to operate in. Rather the Government should bonus the farmers to raise more stock and we will have all the plants to take care of them that they need.

It is not generally known that there have been people watching this business for years, expecting the farmers to raise more stock, when they would erect a plant here, but from a business standpoint the time has not yet arrived. If there is any doubt on this point let the Government show that a new plant could secure 30,000 hogs a year. I will forfeit \$1,000 to the P. E. I. Hospital if the plant all equipped with modern cold storage and fitted to handle all hogs, cattle and canning that offers is not established within ten months from date and this without any guarantee of people's money either.

So far as the Government being secured in the matter; there is nothing to it. They propose to expend \$250,000 (\$150,000 of this goes to buy out the present plant, the \$100,000 that would be expended within six months). They deposit \$3,000 yearly—the depreciation on cost of plant would be \$12,500 yearly. The stock all disposed of and the venture unsuccessful, the Government would get a plant that would not be worth for practical purposes \$50,000. The people would pay the bonds, whatever they might be, half a million or more money, and leave Mr. Promoter with his profit in his pocket.

Mr. Editor, the proposition is absurd, unbusiness-like and has not a good point to recommend it, from an Island standpoint, and it should not be tolerated for a moment. If the promoters consider it good business let them go ahead, but not one dollar of the people's money should be voted to it.

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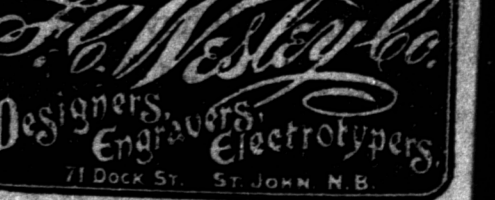
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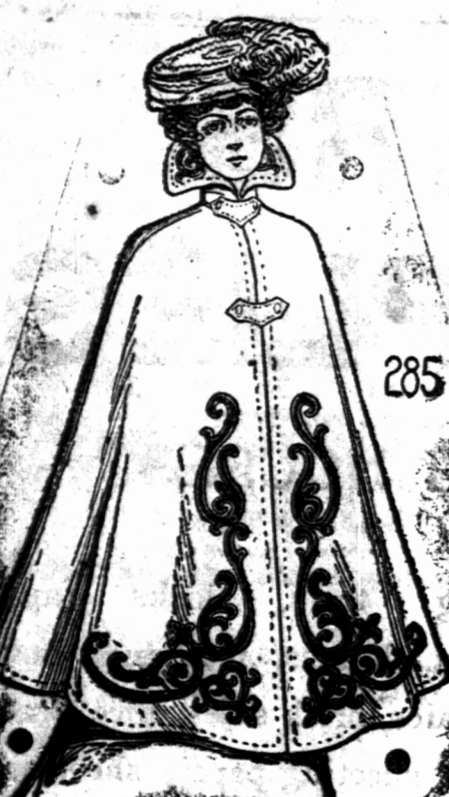
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