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**THE READER'S INTEREST.**

Every newspaper reader, and this includes practically the entire adult population and many of younger years should have a deep personal interest in the improvement of our telegraph system. Many of them do not realize this because they do not know the facts. They do not know the difference between the methods of obtaining telegraph news for publication on the Island and on the mainland. It is proper that they should be made acquainted with the facts.

The writer of this article was for years connected with a St. John daily newspaper. There the great body of the telegraphic news was then supplied to the leading newspapers at the rate of 2,000 words a day for ten dollars a week by an agency known as the Associated Press. This association supplied late and carefully compiled press despatches from all parts of the world to the evening and morning papers respectively down to the hour of their going to press.

The Island newspapers cannot avail themselves of the Associated Press despatches because of the high rates and short hours of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company. As a consequence they are compelled to employ special correspondents at St. John, Halifax or other points to compile for them a synopsis of the telegraphic news of the day and transmit it to Charlottetown. With the cost of compilation added to the high rates charged by the Anglo-American Company the expense to a Charlottetown paper procuring 250 words daily of telegraphic news in this way is almost precisely the same as a St. John or Halifax newspaper pays for 2,000 words daily of telegraphic news. For such special despatches as the St. John or Halifax papers may find it necessary to get outside of the Associated Press despatches they pay less than half the rates per 100 words that the Charlottetown papers pay.

Here then we have the case in a nutshell. For the great bulk of telegraphic news the rates to an Island newspaper are eight times as much per 100 words as to a mainland newspaper, and for special telegrams more than twice as much. This applies to the afternoon papers and the morning paper alike. It applies to Independent, Liberal, and Conservative dailies alike. It thus comes home to every newspaper reader that his favorite newspaper, whichever it may be, is at an enormous disadvantage in procuring for him the news of the world. It is therefore in the interest of every reader of our newspapers when The Guardian asks for the same rates and hours of service for press messages on Prince Edward Island as prevail on the mainland. For over seven years we have kept up this agitation and the remedy is still refused.

The case as to press despatches is as above stated. As to private or business messages Island people pay double the mainland rates and are confined to a twelve hour service. We have no night service, while on the mainland a twenty

word message is transmitted in the night at the same rate as a ten word message by day. Here even the Government of Canada is absolutely shut off for twelve hours of the twenty-four from all communication with its officials on the Island. The entire Province is for half the time totally isolated. Hon. Mr. Malock has made it possible to send a letter to the remotest bounds of the British Empire for two cents. All honor to him and to the Government for that. But still it costs fifty cents to send a message of ten words across the Strait of Northumberland. Why does not our Government terminate such injustice at once? For the credit of the Dominion, for the credit of the Government—for very shame's sake, let this be done without delay!

**MANY REMAIN BRITISH.**

The Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics has kept tally of the number of immigrants to that State who have become permanent residents and who have taken out naturalization papers. Of the male immigrants from Ireland of the requisite age and period of residence to enable them to become citizens of the United States 79 out of each 100 have done so. Of Germans the proportion is 74 per 100; of Englishmen 67, of Scotchmen 62, and of the Canadian French but 46 per cent. The last quoted figures are truly remarkable. Tens of thousands of French Canadians are and have been for years working in the factories of New England, making their homes and earning their bread there, but more than half of them all prefer to retain their allegiance to the British Sovereign and the British flag. The New York Times adds another significant comment. It points out that "Britishers from the Maritime Provinces are especially reluctant to acquire our citizenship—whoever will may say, because they know us better." Well, there may be a good deal in the phrase, "because they know us better."

The Stanley is still doing well on the western route.

The Island needs a low telegraph rate for press news and for business more than any other Province, because our mails are so much delayed during the winter season. Halifax and St. John papers do not at the best reach Charlottetown until 36 hours after they are printed. In many cases during the winter they do not reach us till from three days to a week old.

Attorney General Pugsley of New Brunswick, in a published interview agrees with the view that the agreement to operate the Quebec-Moncton section was what caused the difficulty for the Grand Trunk in putting up the deposit of five millions. The Telegraph thinks the Government can still make good the contract, but that "it is execrably bad politics to permit the railroad contract to become a matter of controversy at this stage."

Senator Hoar has done some plain speaking in the Washington Senate with regard to the Panama affair. We clip a single sentence just to give our readers a taste of his quality:  
 "If this be our policy and it go on, if any disaster come to the great Republic—which heaven avert!—and our country shall perish, she will be mourned only by despots, and her overthrow will be hailed with exultation and triumph by every people in the western hemisphere, from the Arctic Ocean, to Cape Horn."

**MANY WOMEN ARE NOT ATTRACTIVE**

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Such a question, of course he does and he enjoys the aroma of a good cigar, or the solid comfort of a good pipe. You go right to a man's heart who smokes, if you give him a good pipe or good brand of tobacco, or choice cigar.

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- Socks.
- Braces.
- Shirts.
- Collars.
- Kid Gloves.
- Underwear.
- Lined Kid Gloves.
- Silk Mufflers.
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- Silk Neckwear.
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**F. Perkins & Co.,**

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 DEAR SIRS:—In acknowledging receipt of your cheque for \$1,521.20, I desire to express my satisfaction with the outcome of my investment with you.  
 My policy, No 8726, was issued on the endowment plan in 1870 for \$1000, and I paid ten premiums of \$48 each, or \$480 altogether.  
 The surplus payment you now make is alone greater than the total cost of the policy by \$41.20 and I have received the \$1,000 in addition.  
 It is hardly necessary for me to say that to have all my payments returned and over \$1,000 in addition, besides the insurance protection all these years, is quite satisfactory to me.  
 I congratulate the Canada Life on a record which might almost be considered impossible.

Yours Truly,  
 F. A. HALL.

**W. K. Rogers.**

Manager P. E. Island Branch,  
 Charlottetown.

**E. R. Brow,**

Special Agent  
 Charlottetown.

We do not think that any of our readers who have perused The Guardian for the past seven years will doubt that the journal was the first to mention the necessity of posting notices at centres on the mainland giving information about the movements of the winter steamers. The Patriot calls for proof. It might require long search to find the very first mention, for that would be away back before the days when we were fighting out with our contemporary the respective merits of prohibition and license; before the fight for sewerage, with The Guardian in its favor and The Patriot somewhere else; before The Guardian called for a second winter steamer and was opposed by The Patriot on that account as an "alarmist." Better drop it, dear Patriot, till after Christmas.

Boys and Girls sleds and sleighs all prices, snow shovels, (wood and steel,) rocking horses, hockey sticks, pucks and shin guards at Carter's Bookstore. 22 d 3



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**Jenkins & Son**

**Let the Gift Fit the Taste As the Glove Fits the Hand.**

This is a Christmas maxim well worth remembering. Choose your Christmas gifts wisely and thoughtfully. Let them represent not only beauty, but lasting intrinsic worth. Let them be of a nature that will give the recipient long continued pleasure. The Taylor Store presents below some hints for gifts of this kind, which we believe are of such vivid Christmas interest as to deserve the careful attention of every thoughtful gift seeker.

**Watches of True Integrity**

There are doubtless hundreds of people in Charlottetown to whom a new Watch for Christmas would be the very summit of their desires. The Taylor stock contains any number of Watches which combine the true integrity of workmanship and material with the lowest prices compatible with genuine goodness; and whoever purposes buying a Watch of any sort for Christmas giving will find admirable range of attractive selection. Note these figures:—  
 Ladies' Watches, silver case, standard Waltham movement \$8.00 and \$9.00.  
 Ladies' Watches, handsome gold filled cases, Waltham or Elgin movement \$12.00 up.  
 Ladies' Watches, exquisitely engraved, cases of solid 14kt gold, warranted 25 years 7 to 15 jewels, magnificent Watches in ever particular \$22.00 up.  
 Men's Watches, silver cases Waltham movements accurate timekeepers splendidly made \$10.00 up.  
 Men's Watches, gold filled cases Waltham movement handsome and of honest construction, through and through \$12.00 up.  
 And great variety of other Men's Ladies' and Boys' Watches at \$4.50 to \$50.00 each.

**Clocks**  
**That Tell the Time**  
 The reliability and timekeeping accuracy of our Clocks is fully on a par with that of our Watches. Clocks make excellent Christmas gifts and the following are splendid value in all respects.  
 8 Day Clocks solid Wood, handsomely finished, many styles and sizes to choose from \$3.25 to \$6.00.  
 8 Day Clocks finished in Black Imitation Marble can hardly be distinguished from the most costly real marble ones, extremely elegant in appearance and will last a lifetime, some have figures on tops \$6.00 to \$10.00.

**Good Wishes Enshrined In Silver**  
 In few more appropriate ways can your Christmas good wishes be enshrined than in some beautiful piece of silverware. Silverware has a fascination for housewives, in particular, such as few mercantile products possess; and our Christmas Silverware showing is rich in exquisite pieces of the very newest designs and shapes the market offers. Card Trays, Fern Dishes, Cake Baskets, Pickle Dishes, Butter Dishes, Bon Bon Dishes, Napkin Rings, Knives, Forks, Spoons, Sugar Tongs, Salt Cellars Gravy Ladles these are some of the pieces shown which we feel sure are of high interest to the Christmas shopper. The prices are in all cases as low as equally dependable and beautiful wares can anywhere be sold for.  
 Great variety of other appropriate Christmas gifts are here, in Opera Glasses, Watch Chains, Watch Fobs, Charms, Lockets, Brooches, Rings, Manicure Pieces, etc., etc. Surely you will not omit this store from your Christmas shopping tour.

**E. W. TAYLOR,**  
 Cameron Block.

**Things to Give the Men Folks..**

Here they are—that is, if the gifts are to be of the practical sort. Maybe, above all he'd prefer an Overcoat or Suit. Perhaps you couldn't please Father or Brother or Son better than to give him a gift of that sort.

Overcoats or Suits here at \$5, and as high as \$25. Lots of prices in between. Then if He's not in the family, but willing to be, for "Him" there's a multitude of suggestions—Neckwear, Suspenders, Gloves, Mufflers, Full-dress Protectors, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Jewelry, etc., etc.

Our stock is full of Christmas suggestions. A few minutes expended in our store now each day may save hours of indefinite seeking, and may lead to savings that will put money in your purse. Goods exchanged or money refunded—always.

**Prowse Bros.**