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THE P. O. INSPECTOR'S LETTER.

We think most persons having to do with postal matters in this Island will agree as to the cability, courtesy and official zeal of Inspector Whear. We are also bound to accept his interpretation of the postal laws and regulations as official and binding. But even if we concede so much, the letter of the Inspector in yesterday's Guardian must start a train of thought in many minds which will lead to strange conclusions. For Mr. Whear not only lays down the law and interprets it, but also endeavors to maintain that the law is just and equitable.

What, then, is the law with regard to the sale and purchase of postage stamps? Mr. Whear tells us that "the postal laws expressly forbid postmasters to sell postal stamps to persons transacting their post office business elsewhere." This is a very weighty and important piece of information, which, we will venture to say is entirely new to two persons out of three among the general public. Mr. Whear not only thus defines the law, but justifies it by an appeal to moral and scriptural standards, in regard to which latter all may not be disposed to accept his dictum.

He does indeed tell us that he will not exonerate the postmaster who refuses to accept a letter, the stamp on which was purchased elsewhere, but he hastens to add that in the few similar cases that have come under his notice "the parties who do not purchase their stamps at the local office, adopt such a course through envy, jealousy or other improper motives." All that follows in his extraordinary letter reads like a moral justification of the postmaster who had technically violated the law by refusing the letter under the circumstances stated. And in pursuance of this justification the Inspector makes a thief of the man who buys stamps at one office and posts them at another!

There are tens of thousands of such thieves in our fair Province who have not suspected themselves or been suspected by their neighbors hitherto, who must be surprised to find themselves thus publicly catalogued by a high official of the Government. Thieves! The word has a bad flavor. It is terribly offensive to a man who thinks himself honest, and who has tried all his life to live honestly, to be thus publicly branded as a thief. And yet who that has had any business with the post office had not sometime in his life bought a postage stamp at one post office and mailed the letter on which the stamp was stuck at another?

The Inspector, whose letter is much more full, detailed and explanatory than most official letters are, and possibly more so than the Postmaster General would desire, has set forth in what the enormity of the offence consists. It seems to be in this, because the offender "well knows that by designedly purchasing his stamps at other offices he is to that extent reducing the postmaster's salary." He would also, at the same time be increasing some other postmaster's salary, which some might think would go far to counterbalance the evil.

Smith and Brown sell groceries and the postmaster sells stamps You do not like Smith, whose store is nearest to you, and you buy your groceries of Brown. Have you thereby committed a crime against Smith or a crime of any sort? No. Because there are others who like Smith better than Brown, and will pass Brown's store to buy of Smith Are all these men to be publicly and officially denounced as thieves? Postmasters, like merchants are mainly a reputable class, but there are a few exceptions and there is no law human or divine that will compel any free white man to buy either his groceries or his stamps at one particular shop Such may be the law, as Mr. Whear tells us, but if so it is not based on scriptural or moral obligations, Mr Whear to the contrary notwithstanding and the sooner it is abrogated the better.

Wherefore we reaffirm our opinion that all persons are at liberty to purchase and post their postage stamps wherever they choose, even to the extent of mailing in Tignish Georgetown or Vancouver, a letter bearing a stamp purchased in Charlottetown. We refuse to consider the man a thief who may buy a dollar's worth of postage stamps he to take with him on a journey, afterwards drops his stamped letter in a score of different post offices True, he may according to Mr Whear, have imperceptibly lessened the salaries of a score of postmasters, but each of these was during the same week probably receiving some small revenue which under the postal regulations did not strictly belong to him.

The post office exists for the convenience and service of the public who support it handsomely and mainly it gives good service. But the public will not stand to be held up with an inquisitive demand at the post office window as to "Where did you buy that stamp?" The genial Inspector would in practice be the last to insist upon a pharisaical strictness in carrying out the impracticable and absurd regulation which he quotes. In fact his administration of his department is so much more humane and reasonable than his published letter that we hope on mature consideration he will join with us in regret that it was ever written.

Both parties are reporting the misdoings of their respective opponents in Saskatchewan, and both are claiming the victory in advance. According to the Opposition accounts a horde of federal land inspectors homestead agents, immigration employees and camp followers are exercising undue, influence to compel the new settlers to support the Government candidates. And according to Governmental reports the Opposition speakers and press are engaged in the tallest sort of lying. At this distance this only means that the Saskatchewanners are having a pretty lively election. Both parties have full tickets and the people on the spot probably know what they want. We shall accept their verdict, which ought to reach here on Friday night or Saturday.

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Very soon we are to have the one cent rate for drop letters, the same as before the carrier system was put in force. Thanks to Hon. Mr. Lemieux, who is a progressive Postmaster General.

The death in New York of D. G. Smith former editor and proprietor of the Chatham, N. B. Advance, removes a journalist well and favorably known in the sister Province. Mr. Smith in early life was employed on the St. John Telegraph.

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The Royal Gazette contains a list of the licensed peddlers in this Province some forty to fifty in number, with the date of the expiry of license in each case. Probably not one in ten of the general public ever sees the Royal Gazette. The information with regard to peddlers ought to be advertised in some one or more newspapers, so that the people would know who are and who are not regularly licensed to transact this kind of business. "It is believed," the official notice says, "that many persons are peddling without license." This is just one of the cases in which proper publicity would compel such publicity would many times repay the penalty or quit the business. Such publicity would many times repay to the Government the cost of proper advertising and would also in many cases save the public from imposition.

In connection with what is is said elsewhere about the sale of postage stamps there are sundry irregularities which it might be worth while to try and correct. One of these is the barter of stamps by post-masters for goods, or the payment of merchants' accounts by stamps. Probably these irregularities do not often occur but they do occur sometimes. Postage stamps are intended by the authorities to be for sale by postmasters and vendors at their respective offices and for cash only. They are hardly a legitimate article for barter, speculation or the payment of debt. We think the Inspector will agree with us that the post masters err in this way more than they do in selling to persons who are not resident patrons of their post offices, though with the same objects, namely to gain their percentage on the sale and increase the apparent revenue of their respective offices.

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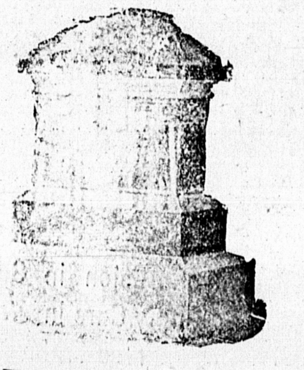

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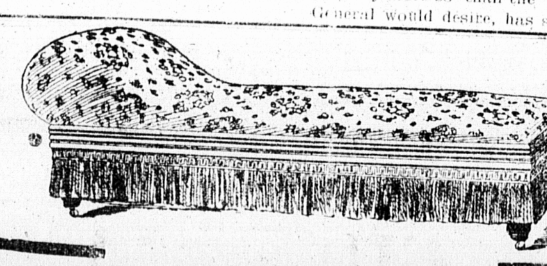

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