

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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PROMOTION BY MERIT ON THE INTERCOLONIAL.

Hitherto on the Government Railways the civil service system of promotion by seniority had been, at least nominally, in vogue. The Board of Management has adopted the principle of promotion by merit as a new departure. There could be no reasonable objection to promotion by merit if it were a sure thing that merit would be always recognised at its worth, and that other considerations would not affect the decision. There is a widespread impression that the heads of departments sometimes have their favorites, who may have gained favor, partly or wholly on other grounds than their efficiency as public servants. Such cases may be few in the railway service or in the civil service, but be that as it may, the possibility of favoritism constitutes the chief objection to the system of promotion by merit.

by the more efficient and energetic of those in the Government Railway employ. It is the rule that has long prevailed on all the great company railway systems. It is the plan that enabled Mr. Harriman, Mr. Hill, Sir William Van Horne and other great railway captains to rise from the ranks to their present high positions. It was by merit that the great Napoleon selected the marshals and officers of his conquering armies. Moreover the adoption of promotion by merit had become a necessity to the Government Railway system, in order to prevent its most energetic and capable men being called away to other railways where opportunities of more rapid promotion on the merit system were offered them. A Government Railway should be managed on the same principle that has developed the greater railway systems of the world. It is the only plan that will attract and retain the most capable men.

A CANADIAN CALENDAR REFORMER.

Some years ago Canada adopted twenty-four hour time on the Government Railway system, the hours being numbered consecutively from midnight to midnight. Later came the daylight-saving bill, which was favorably received by Parliament at its last session, but was not passed into law. Now a far more sweeping proposal comes from the Pacific Coast, one Mr. Cotsworth having undertaken to reform the entire calendar. And his scheme has some obviously good points, if only all the world would adopt it at once.

twentieth century make a calendar of its own? If we had the Cotsworth calendar in use, we should never have to ask upon what day of the week Christmas or New Years would fall. Once we got started, say with New Years day on Sunday, all the years, all the months and all the weeks thereafter would begin on Sundays. A Saturday must be the seventh, fourteenth, twenty-first or twenty-eighth day of the month. The new moon, the quarters, and the full moon would always come on the same days of the week, and we would know what to expect them.

Of course, it would take a little time to understand the new order of things, as it did with the decimal system half a century ago, but once it was learned it would commend itself to most people by its simplicity and the greater ease with which dates could be remembered. About the stiffest objection to it that we can think of would be that a three months note would come due in even shorter time than at present, but if the discount were made proportionately less, as it must be, that need not greatly disturb us.

What is our present calendar but a mass of heathen absurdities? What have we to do with Janus for whom our first month is named, or with Julius from whom we get the July month, or with Augustus who gave the name to August? September is not the seventh month, nor October the eighth, nor November the ninth nor December the tenth, as their names assert them to be. Why not, as Mr. Cotsworth would have them, have the months numbered from one to thirteen and all of equal length?

Now note the advantages, or at least the convenience of such a calendar. Every month would begin with the same day of the week. Every month would end with the same day of the week. The week, the month and the year would end together at the close of December, and the new year, its first week and first month would begin at the same time. Other advantages will suggest themselves to any ingenious mind desirous of a change. And why should not the

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THE TRUTH ABOUT SIR DOUGLAS FOX'S REPORT.

It is useless for those who are opposed to the Tunnel to decry Sir Douglas Fox's report on that project. It was based on a survey, and borings made on both sides of the Strait. These borings sufficiently demonstrated the character of the strata underlying the water. No engineer of any standing has ever challenged or questioned the reliability of Sir Douglas's report. Mr. St. Laurent, Chief Engineer of Public Works, whom Sir Wilfrid Laurier appointed to go over the matter, accepted the report and estimates of Sir Douglas Fox. The one change he proposed was to substitute a cast iron lining at a cost of between seven and eight millions of dollars, in place of the brick and cement lining, recommended by Sir Douglas Fox. In other words he tried to sink the Tunnel project by loading it with iron. In that way on-

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CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

Children's and misses, white canvass shoes 30 and 40c just right for this summer weather.

Goff Bros

This store closes on Mondays at 1 o'clock, during July and August.

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The Lords are in some perplexity as to how they shall deal with the Liberal Government's budget. Should they reject the land-tax provision alone, their action would be almost revolutionary in arrogating to themselves a power of amendment which in tariff matters is held to belong exclusively to the Commons, and would challenge an appeal to the people on grounds which would place them at a double disadvantage. Should they reject the entire budget which it is claimed they might constitutionally do, they would assume the heavy responsibility of voting down supplies for the old age pensions and a stronger navy. And yet, to accept the budget would be to consent to a new form of taxation which is aimed at the great landholders, and is most repugnant to their interests and pretensions. The end is not yet, but the Lords are placed in an embarrassing position.

Shall we drink water with our meals? According to the New York Medical Journal we may. Two doctors tried the matter out. They selected a normal, healthy man and fed him for six days on a dry diet, then for six days gave him with the same diet about two pints of water at each meal, and then for eight days reverted to the dry diet again. The man barely held his own on the dry diet, but gained two pounds and improved in every way during the six days in which he took water with his food. Of course, it does not follow, that this experience would be repeated with every person.

A story has been put in circulation to the effect that at the Defence Conference Sir Frederick Borden will order that Canada shall undertake the land defence of the British West India Islands. We do not believe the story. It is too absurd. While the guns that Canada took over at Esquimaux are allowed to rust and the fortifications to decay, Canada can hardly offer to supply garrisons in the West Indies.

Hay's Hair Health

YOU'LL BE SURPRISED TO SEE HOW YOUNG YOU LOOK WHEN YOUR HAIR IS RESTORED TO ITS NATURAL COLOR. There's no excuse for unshiny gray or faded hair. It makes you look old when you're not—it's unshiny and embarrassing. Hay's Hair Health will bring back the natural color and beauty, and make your hair bright, lustrous and full of youthful vitality. Stops dandruff and falling out. Purely vegetable and harmless—no dye. \$1 AND 50c BOTTLES, AT DRUGGISTS. Keeps skin fine and soft, etc. Druggists. Send 2c for free book, "The Care of the Hair." Photo Spec. Co., Newark, N. J.

A.W. REDDIN Sunnyside Some of the daintiest creations—50 cts ties for 25 cts An immense purchase is responsible for such an extraordinary tie snare Pick yours now. It's the chance of a life time. H. H. Brown, The young Men's Man. 7-6dr21

Auction Sale of House and Furniture.

I am instructed by T. C. Frost, 23 Chestnut St. to sell by auction on the premises, on Friday, the 9th day of July, 1909, commencing at one o'clock p. m. his nice seven room house, good stone cellar wall and out building in pairs, his household furniture, consisting in part of parlor suit, dining, kitchen and bed-room furniture, carpets, mats, oil cloth, window curtains, shades, poles and pictures, also about 2000 feet pine, spruce and hardwood lumber and 500 cedar shingles, also a good Singer sewing machine and about one dozen fowl. Terms for furniture and lumber, cash, for house and lot made known at date. A. BOISNER, Auctioneer. 7-3drmt

By Order Committee T. W. MACDONALD, Secretary

Are You Thinking?

Are you thinking that it's about time for summer underwear? If so, don't forget that we are ready for you with the most complete and finest stock, we have ever had. We are showing a special Balbriggan at 75c per suit that is very fine.

Another a little better at \$1.00 per suit. Others at \$1.10, \$1.20 and up.

Natural wool at \$1.20 per suit and up.

---Hosiery---

In Fancy Hosiery we have about every new pattern there is. 25c to 60c per pair. Black Cashmere in all qualities.

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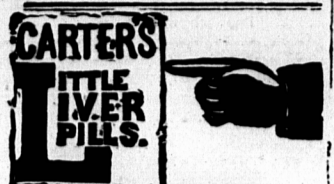
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WIRELESS CONNECTS ARCTIC.

EDMONTON, July 5—The great lone land of the Arctic Interior is shortly to be connected with the outside world by wireless telegraph. A station will be erected at Peel River, two thousand miles north of Edmonton, and from there messages will be despatched to Eagle, relayed to Valdes on the Alaskan Coast, and from there to the various stations at Vancouver.

There are high hills in the vicinity upon which the instruments will be placed.



CURE SICK HEAD ACHE

Headache and relieve all the troubles that result from a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Faintness, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While thousands of remarkable success has been shown in curing them.

BEER & WEEKS FOR FURNITURE, WINDOW SHADES, POLES

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Brace McKay & Co., Ltd., Summerside, have just received three more carloads of best quality American wire and are guaranteeing quality and prices. 2-2ftu4r21.

Novel hat bands—25 cts to 40 cts each. Club colors for local clubs are included. Every athletic "rooster" at ball games should wear his colors. H. H. Brown, The young men's man. 7-6dr21

TEA PARTY AND SPORTS

On The Exhibition Grounds --At Georgetown-- on Wednesday July 7

Horse Trot 2.40 Class. Purse \$50.00. 3 Minute Class. Purse 40.00.

Half Mile Heats. Five Horses to enter and three to start in each class, payable half race entry to be made to the Secretary on or before 9th July.

Five Mile Marathon Race, open to the Province, for which the handsome Medal is offered. Also the following Games for which Cash Prizes are offered:

Twentyards Dash, 220 yard Race, 220 yard race for boys under 16, Putting the Shot, High Jump, Broad Jump

The Ladies of Georgetown will serve Tea on the grounds in their usual first class style.

There will be Dancing Booths with good music for those who wish to dance, also well stocked Refreshment Saloons. Everything possible will be done to make the day a pleasant one.

It is well worth a trip to Georgetown to view the Lancers' Hierarchy, where young lancers by the thousands are being hatched out every day.

If the day should prove stormy, the Tea will be held on the following day.

The following are the train arrangements:

Station Train Departs Fare

Lv. Charlottetown 10 00 a.m. 40c

Royalton Jet 10 15 a.m. 80c

Bedford 10 30 a.m. 70c

Tracadie 10 44 a.m. 60c

St. Stewart 11 00 a.m. 50c

Peaks 11 30 a.m. 45c

St. Teresa 11 55 a.m. 45c

Perth 12 00 a.m. 30c

Cardigan 12 10 a.m. 30c

Montague 12 10 a.m. 30c

Bradford 12 20 a.m. 30c

Rosneath 12 20 a.m. 30c

Funnerson 12 30 a.m. 30c

Montague J. 12 30 a.m. 30c

Georgetown 12 45 a.m. 10c

Special train leaves on return at 6 p.m. By Order Committee T. W. MACDONALD, Secretary

This Store closes every Monday Afternoon at 1 o'clock during July and August.

The Store of Quality



Appearance Is A Magnet That Draws All Eyes

There has been a day in the life of the average man when a smarter cut of coat or a later shape of hat won for him that which he LOST.

How often has this been said of a man: "He has the ability, but he doesn't make the APPEARANCE." What is it that attracts us to a man we have never seen before? His APPEARANCE of course. And is it not a fact that unless he be a freak his appearance is in his clothes? You concede this to be true—the fact is glaring. Where, then, are you to go for your clothes?

Go where your investment is assured the biggest return: And this will bring you to PATON'S. It is at the PATON STORE that VALUE, dollar for dollar, is meted out, and that the style and finish of modern tailor-craft are blended with pieces that place good clothes within the reach of all.

WE SAY TO YOU that our famous clothes HAVE NO PEER. For it is that all—Our patrons will tell you the same. Suits ready to wear from \$8.00 to \$20.00 See our Special in Black and blue worsted at \$5.00.



50 pairs worsted pants, the \$6.00 kind for \$4.50. Only 1 pair of a kind.

JAS. PATON & CO

A Pleasant Country House For Sale at a Bargain.

The residence formerly occupied by J. C. Sprague in Southport will be sold at public auction, Thursday, July 8th, at 4 o'clock

This property is only five minutes walk from bridge and makes an ideal summer residence. There is a splendid well on the property, a small barn and a dairy. There is a 1-2 acre of land and many beautiful ornamental and fruit trees. This place will be sold to the highest bidder on Thursday—No reserve. 7-3d5i.

The Fish Are Biting. Have you tried your luck this season? When you get ready to go fishing it will pay you to look our stock of fishing tackle over. We have flies, rods, baskets, reels, lines, baits, leaders etc, that will insure success. Bought from makers in England direct, we can sell cheaper and give better values than elsewhere. Look our line over before buying. J. G. Jamieson DRUGGIST

A life long Friend. When you buy a watch, get one of our high grade "G.H.T." specials and you will have a true and accurate friend. These watches are made up specially for us by the very best American watch factory and are all thoroughly tested and rated. We have these in ladies' and gents' gold, gold-filled and silver cases.

G.H. Taylor, Jeweler & Optician. An intimate acquaintance with our Delmar Chocolates is to be desired by all who would enjoy the best yet in Chocolate Bon Bons. Just get a box and see what that young lady connoisseur on Bon Bons has to say about them.

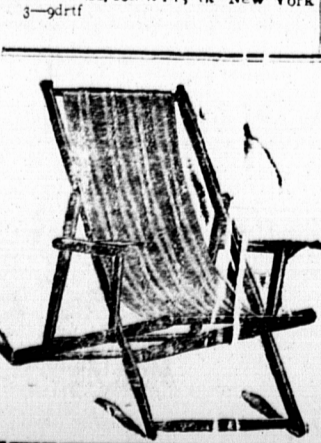
Sold by leading druggists, confectioners and grocers. The White Candy Co. Ltd. 5-3drmt St John

COMING EVENTS.

Red Rose meeting, Lodge Prince Edward, S.O.E. Tuesday July 13th.

A Generous Offer

To any Islander wishing portraits of themselves or departed friends, I will make the following offer for the spring months. Life size portraits in oil 25x30 \$50.00. Same size in pastel \$25.00. Same size in freehand crayon \$10.00. The above quoted prices are just one half my regular rate. The crayons are strictly freehand and are not made with machine or of lamp black. Those who do not wish any portraits but know someone whom they think might want one, will learn of something of interest by writing me. A. ALEX. MACLEOD, Portrait Artist, 208 W. 15 St New York 3-9drtf



Outdoor Chairs. Every good kind of outdoor furniture that's strong, comfortable and doesn't cost much HERE. Largest variety we have ever shown. Beer & Weeks Successors to Mark Wright Fur. Co.