

TIME AND DISTANCE.

Prince Edward Island is separated from the Mainland of Canada at the Capes by only seven and a half miles of water. The "efficient steam service summer and winter" which the Dominion is solemnly obligated to give us has now been blocked for fifty-six days. In all that time the steamer Minto has been locked in Pictou harbor and no steamer has crossed to or from the mainland.

Liverpool is distant from Halifax 2825 miles. That is 376 times as far as the distance between the Island and the Mainland. But in these 56 days past during which this Island has been shut off from the outside world, steamships have had time to cross the broad Atlantic between Halifax and Liverpool eight times.

Australia is 12,000 miles from England, but steamships cover that distance in thirty days, or half the time that steam communication between this Province and the other Provinces of Canada has entirely failed us.

Crossed in the Baltic is some 15,000 miles from Port Arthur, by way of the Suez Canal. Yet in less time than the Minto has lain useless in Pictou harbor the Casar could, if he dared, have sent his Baltic fleet through the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, the British Channel, the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Suez Canal, Red Sea, Indian Ocean, the China Sea and the Yellow Sea to the scene of hostilities in the Far East.

Halifax and Sydney are our best markets for farm products in winter, distant respectively from Georgetown about 130 and 180 miles. For all practical purposes Australia, Argentina or China are nearer to the markets of England than Prince Edward Island is to Halifax, Sydney or even to Pictou.

These conditions are not tolerable. Prince Edward Island as an integral portion of the Dominion must have constant steam communication with the other Provinces if such is possible. No one doubts that it is possible. It is possible by a tunnel at the Capes which would be complete and the best solution. An efficient ice-breaking steamer, would give promise of great improvement over the present state of things.

A Death From Heart Disease

Overtakes Those Who Neglect Their Weak Heart and Tired Nerves.

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An attack is liable to come at anytime from over-exertion, excitement or emotion.

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A. F. Beattie, of the Allen Hotel, Bay City, Mich., was cured of heart disease by Ferrozone. See if your case is similar to his:

THE SYMPTOMS:
Nervousness, Palpitation, Trembling, Dizziness, Sinking Feeling, Heart Pains, Short Breath, Weakness.
Mr. Beattie says:
"I was weak and miserable. I was subject to heart palpitation and dizziness.
"As I grew worse I began to have trembling and sinking sensations.
"Ferrozone strengthened my heart, gave vigor to my nerves, soon made me well. It's a great restorer."
The one medicine for the people with weak heart and poor nerves is Ferrozone. 50c. a box or six boxes for \$2.50, at all dealers in medicine, or Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., and Kingston, Ont.

COMING EVENTS.
City Council meets on the second Monday in each month. -Dr. F. F. Kelly Mayor. W. W. Clarke, City Clerk.
S. O. E. Lodge Prince Edward. Next meeting March 21st. White Rose Degree. Advancement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
-REMEMBER the concert in Cornwall Hall on Wednesday evening March 22nd under the auspices of the Cornwall C. O. F. Admission 20 cents. 18d 3f
-The loser will be obliged to the person who found the valuable bunch of old gold coins, seal with crest thereon and a diamond ring to return same to this office. 14 d 1w

Marion Bridge, C. B., May 30, '02.
I have handled MINARD'S LINIMENT during the past year. It is always the best Liniment asked for here, and unquestionably the best seller of all the different kinds of liniment I handle.
NRII. FERGUSON.

We have a good demand for ready-to-wear trousers of our own make, and for good reasons. They are made by competent tailors with care, and are sold at lower prices than if factory made. -D. A. Bruce. 20d 1f.

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We feel so confident this is one of the best powders on the market that we will cheerfully give back the price to any one not getting satisfaction.
You have everything to gain nothing to lose. Try it. Price 25c per lb.
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The Square Druggist, Sunnyside.

IMPORTANT!
Stormy weather has left us with a large stock of goods on hand which should have been sold during January and February.
To turn these goods into cash we will sell during March, our entire stock, without profit, at actual cost to manufacture and some lines below actual cost.
We spent \$70,000.00 by April 1st and must turn our Goods into cash regardless of profit. See special ad. in this issue for full details. -Weeks & Co., Charlottetown. 10w 1f

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AN INVESTIGATION DEMANDED.

The long inaction of the Steamer Minto in Pictou Harbor after she was shut in on 24th January last, calls for prompt and searching investigation by the Marine Department at Ottawa. Weeks ago The Guardian called for such an investigation and we now repeat the demand. It is due to the people of this Province who have been for two months past shut off from the rest of the world. It is due to the Marine Department which is charged with the most important service of keeping open the highway between this Province and the rest of Canada. It is due to the vindication of the Government of Canada, whose treaty obligations to this Province have been broken. And finally it is due to Captain Finlayson himself that such an inquiry shall be held. We think that for obvious reasons he ought to be the first to demand an investigation.

He is an old and experienced commander, who has rendered good service in past years. Doubtless the winter has been of exceptional severity. It is presumed also that our winter steamers are inadequate in strength and steam power for the service to which they are assigned. But after making all allowance for these considerations our people are not satisfied

that all has been done that should have been done. The passengers who were detained for long weeks at Pictou on board the Minto have been loud in their complaints and expressions of disgust. Shippers, importers and the travelling public alike, who have suffered loss, our farmers whose live stock has perished for want of the hay piled up at Pictou, rightly demand to know the reasons for the long break in our communications and why so little has been done or attempted week after week to break the long blockade.

The facts can only be brought out by an official inquiry. Let Captain Finlayson and his officers and crew be examined under oath. Let the log of the Minto be put in evidence. Let the correspondence by letter or wire between Capt. Finlayson and the Department, or with the Marine Agent here from day to day be produced. Let the wireless communications between the two captains of the winter steamers from day to day be forthcoming. Let the ice measurements be attested, and the reason given why they were so long delayed.

Let us know why for long weeks no attempt was made to use explosives to break the barrier. Let us have official light upon the statement freely circulated, that in five weeks after 24th January only 22 hours were spent by the Minto in breaking or attempting to break the ice. Let it be brought out in evidence why for three weeks after being shut in, as is alleged, so little if any effort was made either to get the steamer out of Pictou harbor or to ascertain the breadth or the thickness of the ice barrier. If these and other current reports are untrue they cannot too soon be denied and disproved. If true, then the public have a right to know the facts.

If Capt. Finlayson, the Agents of the Department here and at Pictou and the Department itself have done what they could to keep the communication open, then the result of the inquiry will be their vindication and the public mind will be satisfied. The Guardian and the now indignant people of Prince Edward Island have no desire to be unjust toward Capt. Finlayson or to any man. For our part we will most cheerfully record his vindication if a full and free inquiry shall so result. But the matter is too grave, the current reports too disquieting, the public loss from the blockade too serious, the outlook for the future too dark, to permit of being passed over without a searching official inquiry. And, as we have said Captain Finlayson, under the circumstances ought to be the first to demand such an investigation.

REILLY SKIPPED OUT.

TORONTO, March 18 - Frank J. Reilly, principal in the bogus ballot-box case at Belleville, against whom a true bill was found by the Grand Jury yesterday, disappeared during the night, and his trial consequently collapsed this morning.

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doesn't seem serious but it is. It gradually works down to the air passages and causes congestion and inflammation. Shiloh's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, is guaranteed to cure coughs and colds. Your money back, if it doesn't.
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WHARVES AND BRIDGES.
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Charlottetown, March 16, 1905.
Sealed tenders will be received at this department until noon on **Thursday, March 30, '05** from any person or persons willing to lease any or all of the public wharves and bridges, the property of the Provincial Government from the 1st April 1905, to 31st March 1906.
Full particulars of conditions and rates also forms of tenders may be procured at this office and will be forwarded to any address.
The Department does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.
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2 pieces of fancy lustre 60c for	30c
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1 piece fancy lustre 50c for	25c
1 piece fancy lustre 42c for	21c
1 piece fancy lustre 45c for	23c
2 pieces of fancy mohair \$1.10 for	55c
1 piece fancy mohair \$1.75 for	88c
1 piece fancy mohair \$1.55 for	78c
1 piece of fancy mohair \$1.30 for	49c
1 piece fancy mohair 78c for	65c
1 piece extra wide mohair \$2.15 for	\$1.07
2 pieces silk and wool goods \$2.10 for	\$1.05
2 pieces silk and wool goods \$1.45 for	73c
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