

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

As is well known, during the time Parliament is in session all mail matter addressed to any member of either the Senate or House of Commons is carried to him free, and all mail matter sent out by him and franked with his initials is also carried free. This privilege has been at times very much abused. There was time when some members used the mails and the franking privilege to convey their soiled linen or other clothing to their homes. Just now there was a controversy over the alleged abuse of the franking privilege in the sending forth from Ottawa of Conservative campaign literature. We have already referred to the question in a general way, and in that connection remarked that we did not know which of the two political parties had been the greater sinner, but that both had precisely equal rights in the premises.

Since we last referred to the matter some additional facts have come to light. It is alleged that the Montreal Star some short time ago asked of the Montreal Post Office 3,000 mail sacks for its use. This was a large order, but the sacks were got together and delivered to the Star. These sacks were filled with campaign literature, (understood to be mainly a reprint of Mr. Borden's and Mr. Blah's speeches) and addressed to George Taylor, M. P. the Conservative whip in the House of Commons. This was a vast quantity of mail matter, to be carried free from Montreal to Ottawa. Three thousand sacks packed full and addressed to a single member. Very fortunately the other two hundred and odd members did not receive so much on the same day, otherwise the big Parliament building would have been filled from basement to attic. The mere labor of handling and stowing away so many heavy sacks was enormous. And moreover, as the Commons Post Office is limited in space the greater part of the vast quantity appears to have been piled outside in the lobby, blocking up a large portion of it.

It was at this stage that the Speaker interfered and ordered the removal of Mr. Taylor's mail to another part of the building. This was denounced as an outrage, but it seems to have been simply an act of necessity. In the meantime The Star wanted more mailbags in Montreal to handle its regular editions, and the Montreal post office could not supply them. The Star was compelled to buy bags for its own use, and there was an urgent call to have the thousands of bags at Ottawa emptied and released. A large committee room was assigned as a place for the campaign literature, and there night and day the work of addressing the sheets to electors all over the Dominion has gone on. A staff of clerks armed with rubber stamps bearing the initials of Conservative members do the work of addressing and "franking". And the Post Office Department found it necessary to put on special mail cars to carry the stuff away from Ottawa.

The point is that all the labor of transportation, handling and distributing this almost incredible amount of campaign literature has to be done at the public expense in the interest of one political party. Is it not an abuse of the franking privilege? Of course, the other party could do the same, and in that case the abuse would be doubled and both parties would be equally guilty. Be it observed that the franking privilege was abolished in Great Britain in 1840 on the establishment of penny postage. In like manner the practically unlimited franking privilege formerly enjoyed by members of the United States Congress was abolished in 1873. But provision was afterwards made for the free transmission of mail matter relating to public business. The fact is that

the franking privilege as it exists in Canada is in its nature an abuse handed down from olden times. It ought to be abrogated, as it has long been in other English-speaking countries. It is used more largely for partisan purposes than for the legitimate business of the country, and the legitimate public revenue of the post office is fished away in tens of thousands of dollars yearly.

The Patriot is quite satisfied that of the 256 millions voted or pledged during the recent session this Island gets its full share.

The Patriot says: "Last session nearly \$2,000,000 were voted for Prince Edward Island, almost \$20 per head of our population." This is entirely untrue. We challenge The Patriot to give the items amounting to one million of this sum voted as it states. The facts are easily accessible. When may we look for an answer?

We print in another column the letter of Robert Stewart, J. P. of Southport denying that he signed the petition for commutation of Carver's sentence. Mr. Stewart is a relative of the late Alexander Stewart, and lives on the farm adjoining that of the murdered man. His letter speaks for itself. The question arises, Who forged Mr. Stewart's name to the petition? The Guardian hears that there are others whose names have been published as signers of the petition who deny that they ever signed it. It is moreover alleged that some names affixed to the petition are names of persons not known to exist. It would be interesting to know how many of the names affixed to the petition were either bogus names or were placed there without authority of the persons named. In Mr. Stewart's case a great outrage was committed for which he is very properly indignant.

Piles To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for each and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, the manufacturers have guaranteed it. See testimonials in the daily press and ask your neighbors what they think of it. You can use it and get your money back if not cured. See a box, at all dealers or EDWARDS, BATES & CO., Toronto.

Dr. Chase's Ointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

—Will all Presidents of Societies Affiliated with the Local Council kindly attend the meeting to-day and also notify their delegates to be present.

—Our stalls in the market will be closed on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Saturday sales still continue. We make this move partly on account of poor facilities for heating between market days. — J. J. Gay & Son. 22d 10.

—Next Tuesday evening Nov. 3rd, is the date of the grand concert under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The program which will appear later is a most excellent one and will be executed by the Misses White, Miss Farquhar, and Miss Florrie Blake, all of Halifax. Miss Farquhar has just returned from Germany where she has been studying with the best masters. The Misses White are among the leading musicians of Halifax, and Miss Blake's phenomenal powers as a leading soprano soloist is well known in this city.

—Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

Merit made shoes, Ames Holden make. Ask for them.

Farmers and Horsemen

Who would wish to save money later on, should feed their stock some of the

ISLAND CONDITION POWDER

now. Improved condition now means they will keep greatly improved and vice versa.

The Island Condition Powder gives new, rich, pure blood, a glossy coat and a healthful appearance.

We can show you fifty testimonials in its favor and the great results attending its use.

Price 25c a pound. Made and sold by A. W. Reddin, Phm. B. The Square Druggist, Sunnyside.

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Sales exceed that of any other in the Lower Provinces.

Choicest growth of India and Ceylon.

PERKINS' VERY LOW PRICES FOR SATURDAY SHOPPERS. MEN'S UNDERWEAR: Fleece lined special per suit .65c, Special value all wool heavy ribbed underwear per garment .60c, Heavy all wool unshrinkable underwear per garment .75c. LADIES' UNDERWEAR: Heavy ribbed "special" per garment .25c, Fleece lined "special" per garment .60c, Ladies' underwear unshrinkable special low price .60c. Children's Sleepers Size 1, 2 and 3 price 35c, 40c, 48c. One lot of Ladies' and Childrens wool gloves at .20 p. c. discount, 12 pieces of velling... Half Price, One basket full of Shetland and Andalusian yarn at .30c per skein, 30 pieces of flannelette... one third off, Ladies' wrappers "special price" \$1.25, 12 Ladies' ready-to-wear hats "special price" \$3.25. We are selling out at big discounts our choice stock of CARPETS AND CLOTHING. F. PERKINS & Co., F. PERKINS & Co., THE MILLINERY LEADERS.

Your Next Suit. You might as well get it now; then you'll have it when you want it. When everybody's in a hurry—that's not a good time to buy. Here are a few hints of the new things: \$10 Suits, \$12 Suits, \$15 Suits. At this price we have Chevots and Cassimeres that are made so well that they would easily pass for Suits costing twice the money. This is a strong line with us always. Single and Double Breasted styles made and tailored excellently. New fabrics and latest cut. Here's where we show the best Suits on earth for the money. Every late style and the best of tailoring goes into Suits at this price. Chevots, Scotches, Cassimeres, etc. ONLY A HINT. The above are only hints at our new lines of Suits for Fall and Winter wear. We would like to see you, Sir, when you are Suit hungry. BELT OVERCOATS. Are "THE" coat just now. They are made loose back and slightly caught in with a belt, mostly in plaids, very stylish, cost you only \$12.00. Hundreds of new overcoats in our stock for fall. If you are of a quiet disposition and want to buy comfortably, come a little ahead of time—come now. Prowse Bros., The Only Real Clothiers in Charlottetown.

SPECIAL NOTICES

New hats right from Boston, hard and soft felt hats of every stylish color and shape. Snappy hats for everybody at Prowse Bros., The Stylish Hatters, 28 d 11.

All the November Magazines are now in. Broadway and Everybody's just to hand by express this morning. A large order of Street and Smith's books on the road—expected by Saturday—Mitchell's Bookstore, Sunnyside. 28 d 11.

A suit of good all wool double and twist home made tweed costs a definite price and in buying Reid's Tryon Factory cloth this should be considered. 28 d 11.

Unshrinkable Underwear guaranteed not to shrink or your money back. \$1.50 a suit at Weeks & Co's. 24 d 8.

Not because they are made in P. E. Island, but because our tweeds possess a degree of artistic merit, material value and suitability of design superior to any competition at home or abroad.—The Tryon Mfg. Co., Ltd. 20 d 11.

There's just one place in town to buy hats, that's here where you get the best hats on earth.—Prowse Bros. The Only Stylish Hatters. 26 d 31.

Our tweed contains nothing but the hair off the sheep's back. No sweepings no old cut up clothing but wool off the sheep's back and P. E. Island sheep at that. Farmers see that you get Tryon Tweeds every time. 28 d 11.

We have purchased a lot of beef cattle that were prepared for shipment (but orders cancelled). In order to clear them out quickly we will sell beef at lower prices than before heard off. Also selling pork, lamb, vegetables, etc. Curned beef only 5c per lb.—S. and C. Jenkins. 26 d 31.

"Pay for all you get, but get all you pay for," you will get all of that if you buy Reid's Tryon Tweeds. 7 d 11.

New Goods are arriving daily at Carter's Bookstore. The newest in fine stationery, the newest books as issued, the newest in fancy goods, toys, games, chinaware &c, &c. Goods personally selected, and that you cannot get any other store. Special attention to mail orders. 27 d 1w.

Your name nicely engraved on a 50 or 10 cent coin for 25 cents at W. W. Wellner's. 26 d w 11. The Charlottetown Light and Power Company Limited, hereby notify consumers of Electricity on meters and flat rates, that all arrears due on Oct 1st must be paid before the first day of November next to entitle them to discounts for month of October. 23 d 51.

McQuarrie & Arsenault Barristers, Solicitors, etc. Summerside, P. E. I. Offices—Royal Bank of Canada building. NEIL McQUARRIE, K. C. A. E. ARSENAULT.

Actual Results and Not Estimates Count.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE CO., TORONTO. DEAR SIR:—In acknowledging receipt of your cheque for \$5,510.20, I desire to express my satisfaction with the outcome of my investment with your policy, No 5748, was issued on the endowment plan in 1870 for \$1000, and I paid the premiums of 44c each, or \$98.80 altogether. The surplus payment you now make is more than the total cost of the policy by \$1200 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 am grateful to the Canada Life on a record which might almost be considered impossible. Yours truly, W. K. Rogers, Manager P. E. Island Branch, Charlottetown. E. R. Brow, Special Agent, Charlottetown.

THE BEST XMAS GIFT. AUCTION SALE!

Are you looking for something good for Xmas which is appreciated by everybody. We can give you the very best article you are looking for, which will not cost much, and will be more valued among your friends than any other gift—and that is a photograph. We ask you to come early and give us plenty of time to finish them. Don't leave it until the last few weeks and then come in a hurry—comes early and avoid the rush at Gauvin, Geitzel & Co., Photographers, Guardian Office Building, Sunnyside. Oct. 13, d&w 11.



Masculine Gentility

is dependent in a great measure on the quality of dress. There are other essentials, but perfect fitting garments cannot be dispensed with. Therefore it behooves you to get your Fall and Winter outfit made by John McLeod & Co., if you wish to appear at your best, for clothing such as we make is above reproach, and will withstand the severest criticism. JOHN McLEOD & Co.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4. His beautiful Farm consisting of 30 acres of land in a good state of cultivation, being well fenced, well watered and buildings all in good repair. This is another chance for some person to purchase a choice farm in the flourishing settlement of Winsloe. STOCK:—2 horses, 3 milch cows, 2 heifers, 7 pigs, 60 geese. CROP:—4 tons of Hay, large quantity Straw, 200 bushels Potatoes, three quarters of an acre of Turnips, lot Wheat and Buckwheat. THE IMPLEMENTS:—1 cart, 1 express wagon, 1 light wagon, 1 truck, 1 hay rake, 2 reed sleigh, 1 box sleigh, 2 plows, 1 spring harrow, 1 spike harrow, 1 hay mower, 1 horse power, 1 spreading stone, cross-cut saw, 1 turning drill, 1 set cart harness, 1 set light harness, backbands and traces, 60 feet boards, lot scuffling and fence poles, carpenter's tools, milk cans, churns and creamers, and a lot of other articles not enumerated. ALSO:—All household furniture. TERMS:—All sums of \$5.00 and under cash, over \$5.00 twelve months credit on approved joint notes. Terms for farm at \$250. If farm should not sell it will be set up and rented to the highest bidder. SALE POSITIVE. BENJ. CARTER & Co., Auctioneers, 29d 11.

GUARDIAN WANTS

TO LET—A house on Gerald St., furnished or unfurnished, with good orchard in connection. Apply at this office. 27 11. TO LET—House on corner School and Baiton Streets; also house on Grafton Street near Fownall. All modern conveniences in both. Immediate possession. Apply to R. E. Math & Co. 24 d 31. TO LET—House on King Street, near Railway containing nine rooms in good order. Apply to Thos. McQuaid, Lower Queen Street. 26 d 11.

LOST

LOST—A sable ruff with eight tails between Moore & McLeod's and Mark Wright's. Finder will please leave at this office. 26 d 31.

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO CALL ON retail trade and agents for manufacturing house; local territory; straight salary \$50 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travellers, 60 Monon Bldg., Chicago. Oct 25 11 Nov 21.

Boy wanted to learn horse shoeing. Apply to A. Henderson, Easton Street. 23 d 1w 10.

MEN WANTED

THOROUGHLY CAPABLE AND EXPERIENCED SALARY OR COMMISSION—\$540 a year and Expenses payable weekly, to good reliable men representing us in their district, introducing our goods, distributing large and small advertising matter. No experience, only honesty required. Write at once for instructions. SALUS MEDICAL APPLIANCE CO., London, Eng.