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**THE LATE HON F. DE ST. C. BRECKEN.**

The death of Mr. Brecken, Post Office Inspector, and Postmaster, was learned with universal regret on Wednesday. The public mind had been somewhat prepared for the sad event as it was known for many days that his serious illness afforded to a man of his advanced years but small chance of recovery. When it was learned that a fatal termination was probable the public interest was painfully aroused, because of the wide circle of his acquaintances, his uniform kindness and courtesy to all and the large and important part he had taken for more than forty years in the political and official life of the Island and the Dominion.

Hon Frederick de St Croix Brecken was the second son of the late Hon John Brecken of Charlottetown, a member of the Legislative Council, and was born in this city December 9th 1828. In early life he studied law with the late Sir Robert Hodgson and was admitted as an attorney in June 1852. He shortly afterwards entered into partnership with the late Hon T. H. Haviland, the firm name being Haviland and Brecken, and the connection being continued down to 1874. During that time the firm held a leading position at the bar. He was counsel in many important cases and amongst others argued the appeal in the Island Land Case before the Supreme Court of Canada. He was made Attorney General without a seat in the Cabinet in 1856, which position he held till 1863.

While yet a young man, about the year 1863 Mr. Brecken was called to take the place for which he was so well fitted in the Legislature of the country. He was first

elected as a Conservative with Hon. D. Davies for Charlottetown and Royalty, and he was subsequently re-elected. In 1866 with the late Hon. Thomas Dodd as colleague he again contested this constituency against Dr. Jenkins and the late Peter W. Hyndman. On this occasion Mrs. Brecken and Jenkins were elected.

In the election of 1870 he ran with Hon. D. Davies against the late Hon. Thos. Dodd and the late Hon. Edward Palmer, afterwards Chief Justice. Mr. Brecken was returned at the head of the poll, while his colleague was also returned by a much narrower majority. The late Hon. J. C. Pope then formed a coalition Government in which Mr. Brecken was made Attorney General. In 1871 the Government passed the railway bill, which was vigorously opposed, and Mr. Davies at first joined in the opposition, but in deference to a very numerous signed petition of his constituents afterwards gave it his support.

In 1872 Mr. Pope's Government, having lost its majority, dissolved the House and the leader left his former constituency of Bedeque to contest Charlottetown. "Pope and Brecken" was the rallying cry of the ministerial party, alike in Charlottetown and throughout the Island. Both were elected, but the Government was left in a minority in the new House, and the Haythorne Government succeeded. But the new Administration was shortlived. After about a year it in turn appealed to the electorate on the question of Confederation. At this election Messrs Pope and Brecken were elected by acclamation, the Haythorne Cabinet was defeated and in the new Government of which Mr. Pope was leader Mr. Brecken a third time became Attorney General.

The Island became a part of the Dominion on 1st July 1873 and the election of the new members of the Commons fol-

lowed in September. For the two Queen's County seats Mr Brecken and Dr Jenkins were opposed by Hon David Laird and Hon Peter Sinclair, the latter two being successful. Mr Pope was returned for Prince County. The resignations on account of the federal election had vacated the Charlottetown seats in the Local Legislature and to these Mr Brecken and Dr Jenkins were elected. They continued to be representatives until 1876 when the school question became an issue in local affairs. Again Pope and Brecken stood side by side as candidates, Mr Pope having returned to local politics. They stood for separate schools—"payment for results"—and were successfully opposed by L. H. Davies, now Sir Louis, and the late George W. Deblis.

At the general election in 1878 Messrs Pope and Brecken were elected to the Commoons for Queen's County, and when Parliament met Mr Brecken was selected by Sir John Macdonald to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne which he did in eloquent and forcible terms. Mr Brecken was re-elected in 1882, and continued to sit until his appointment as Post Office Inspector for Prince Edward Island and Postmaster for Charlottetown, on 1st August 1884. How faithfully and with what ability he discharged his official duties all will bear testimony.

Mr Brecken was at the time of his demise second only to Charles Palmer, K C as the oldest barrister in the Province. In public life he had been the idol of the Conservative party in his younger days. He was always a supporter of the union of the Provinces. He was well informed in public affairs, in law and literature, and especially full of information in all that pertained to our provincial and civic history. He was a pleasing and graceful public speaker, and withal a genial courteous and kindly man. He enjoyed to the full the respect of his fellow citizens of all classes, and having lived a life that was prosperously cast, extending beyond the allotted span, he died without regret, regretted by all who knew him.

The Guardian tenders respectful sympathy to the near relatives of the deceased.

**Excuse.**  
Charged with begging, a Halifax man advanced the excuse that he was "lame through vaccination."

**Drunk in His Own House.**  
Charged with being drunk in his own house a Bury (Lancashire, England) publican claimed his "legal privilege to be as drunk as he liked in his own private room." The bench allowed the claim.

**Eggs.**  
When stress is applied internally to eggs, they give way at a pressure of thirty-two to sixty-five pounds per square inch.

**How Timber Shrinks.**  
Pitch pine beams will shrink in thickness from 18 1/2 inches to 18 1/4, spruce from 8 1/2 inches to 8 1/4, white pine from 12 inches to 11 1/4 and yellow pine a trifle less. Cedar beams will shrink from a width of 14 inches to 13 1/4, elm from 11 to 10 1/4 and oak from 12 to 11 1/4.

**The Camphor Tree.**  
The camphor tree flourishes in the lowlands as well as on the mountains of Japan and often attains a gigantic size, the trunks being sometimes as much as twenty feet in diameter.

**Keep the Teeth Clean.**  
Cleanse the teeth thoroughly at least twice a day—once on arising and again before retiring—or, better, after each meal if it can be so arranged. As a rule employ simply water from which the chill has been taken, but two or three times a week the assistance of some recommended tooth powder is desirable.

**Asparagus and Cucumber.**  
The flavor of asparagus is due to aspartic acid and that of the cucumber from a peculiar poisonous ingredient called fungin, which is found in many species of fungi.

**Lumbago**  
is Rheumatism of the back. The cause is Uric Acid in the blood. If the kidneys did their work there would be no Uric Acid and no Lumbago. Make the kidneys do their work. The sure, positive and only cure for Lumbago is

**Dodd's Kidney Pills**

**METHODISM IN CHARLOTTETOWN.**

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sent generation, who were scholars in the old school:—

'Their memory is with us still:  
The form may waste as ore to rust,  
The earth may claim her browed dust

Their memory is with us still.'  
(To be continued in the P E I Magazine.)

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