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THE CAR FERRY.

Another important step has been taken in connection with the Car Ferry. Tenders have been invited in Canada, United States, Great Britain, Germany and Denmark, the tenders to close on August 15th. This is prompt action and the government is to be commended for it.

In the hope expressed in the despatches, that the new ferry will be in operation this winter, Prince Edward Islanders of all classes will heartily join and in its fulfilment the first long step towards overcoming the most serious of our isolation difficulties will have been taken.

The amount of work entailed in getting the ferry underway is very great. The building of the piers at the Capes, the building of the ferry steamer, the standardizing of the P. E. Island Railway are large undertakings and there should not be any disappointment if the coming winter should find one or more of them incomplete. That the effort is being made, however, and the work being

pushed so energetically promises well for the completion of the work at the earliest possible date.

Professor Kirkpatrick, we understand, is rushing matters at the capes with a view to having the piers completed, as early as at all possible. He finds much to encourage him and the difficulties anticipated with respect to depth of water, currents, ice flows, etc., are found to be less serious than had been anticipated even by those who have entertained doubts.

When completed the car ferry will place Prince Edward Island on the continental map. Its "splendid isolation" which at times has proved only too splendid and too complete, will have been broken and "the three short hauls" which have cost our people very dear in the past will be done with.

We shall be pleased to record the progress of this undertaking from time to time and look forward with hope to its early completion.

THE REPAIRED CABLE.

It is gratifying to know that, once more, the cable connecting this province with the outside world has been put in commission, that once more, after serious interruption and consequent loss, our relations, business and social, with the world may be resumed.

But still there is a "fly in the ointment." There is the certainty that what has occurred so often in the past will, under similar conditions, occur again. And the conditions are not only similar but worse. It is the same cable, grown older and, therefore, more liable to interruption.

We are a happy-go-lucky people. The break has been mended and 'all is well with the world—till the next time it breaks. Then we shall have protests to Ottawa, long winded editorials in our newspapers, unanimous resolutions by our Boards of Trade and the usual anathemas from our business men. And that will be all—also till the next time.

It is not the part of wise men to act thus. No business man would follow such a course in his own private business. If the stairway leading to his storeroom shows a tendency to break down occasionally and cause damage the old stairway is promptly removed and a new one erected.

In connection with the cable the stairway has broken down so often that any hope of permanency would be the acme of credulous folly. It will break down again, and very probably, at the time when a break will cause the greatest injury. Do our wideawake business men, whose business depends very largely upon it, intend to wait for the next break or will they, as they would in their own business, take immediate precautions to prevent further loss? What is to be done? There is one remedy, namely the installation of a second cable. Nothing else will ensure or even promise permanency. The government is in a position to insist upon this on the ground that the present service has persistently fallen short of its obligations. It is for our business men to place the matter before the government and to insist upon the proper remedy being provided.

NOTES

In order that their Royal Highnesses may observe something of our beautiful rural country scenery it

is proposed to give them a drive through the Charlottetown Royalty on the way to the Golf Links when the route to be followed will probably be from the Park by way of Lower North River Road to the Cemetery, thence by the Brackley Point Road to the St. Peters Road, thence by way of Lovers Lane to the Golf Links, returning to the city by way of Fitzroy St and the Prince of Wales College.

The inhabitants in these sections are requested to kindly to do everything possible to improve the appearance of their properties. Let all assume a holiday attire that will indicate a warm welcome to the Royal visitors.

One new Charlottetown case and two new Queens' County cases, for violation of the Prohibition Act, to be tried in Charlottetown today at the instance of Prosecutor Boisner, show commendable activity and are certainly encouraging to the friends of sobriety and order. We shall be glad to hear from and to record the progress made by Prosecutors Mead and Phillips. @

Owing to the many demands upon our space we would ask our correspondents to be as brief as possible, also to bear patiently with delay in publication as we are obliged to hold some correspondence over which will appear in due course.

DISHONEST SHIPMENTS.

Referring to an editorial on Dishonest Shipments, in Thursday's Morning Guardian, a Charlottetown shipper relates a personal experience which bears out the contention that steps should be taken along the lines indicated.

He had received from a country merchant a quantity of "white" oats bagged all ready for market. These oats were shipped along with others to St. John's, Newfoundland. When opened up there this particular lot, which fortunately had been marked for identification, proved to be "stuffed," about three-quarters of the contents of each bag being black oats, with a layer of white at the top of the bag.

The shipper recovered the amount paid for the oats, as he was able to trace them to the merchant from whom they were bought. In the meantime the consignee in St. John's had time to form some opinions on the honesty of Prince Edward Island merchants and farmers. The shipper felt humiliated at being made the innocent victim of a serious crime and, in the St. John's market, Prince Edward Island was given a black eye.

In explanation of the matter the country merchant blamed the farmers from whom he had bought the oats. Whether the job was put up by the merchant himself or by the farmers, and it could have been done by either, the thing to be noted is that it happened.

It would be an easy matter to speculate on what "might have been" in this case. Had the oats been retailed in St. John's some dozens of people would have been defrauded and each one of them would have told his neighbor of the dishonesty of Prince Edward Islanders.

There is probably not a merchant in the province who has not met with some such experience as the one above mentioned. A Summerside firm, some time ago, offered a carload of pressed hay to a firm in Nova Scotia. The reply they received was that

they would not handle P. E. Island pressed hay at any figure, as they had recently almost ruined their name by selling a carload of hay every bundle of which was returned to them because it was stuffed with refuse, some of them even with stones.

One dishonest farmer in a township or one dishonest merchant in a county could send enough fraudulent product of any kind to blacken the name of the province in any market. That there are such cannot be denied. They see in such a transaction only an opportunity to make an extra dollar or two. They care nothing for the fact that they are injuring the market for themselves as well as for others.

There is, as has already been stated, only one remedy for this, namely, a thorough system of inspection, a system which will hold the producer responsible till the article is finally disposed of, a system which will include the placing of a P. E. Island trade mark on everything shipped, and which will be a guarantee to the world that the article so marked is just what is claimed for it. Such an inspection law is possible and, when enacted, will open the world's best markets for P. E. Island products and keep them open.

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THE PROHIBITION ACT.

Sir:—I note your editorials re "The Prohibition Act" and its enforcement, also Premier Mathieson's letter in today's issue.

You have my hearty sympathy in your present stand, and I am quite willing to help you with the following statement of facts. Before I mention them I might say that you and many others know that I have not taken any active part in politics, and that my sympathies (largely inherited) have always been with the Conservative party.

My facts concern one day's observations only. On Monday, July 1st, I had occasion to go to Summerside with a pupil for the entrance examinations. I was only in the town about 1 1/2 or 2 hours, half of which was spent in the home of friends.

During that one brief hour, I saw much evidence of drinking and drunkenness; one man fell sprawling on the cement walk directly ahead of me, and on the outskirts towards St. Eleanor's, one man was on the roadside crying and moaning in what seemed like delirium. He was being cared for by a friend.

During this same day a young lady from the confines of my congregation was knocked down by a team driven by men who appeared drunk. She was on the sidewalk,—the proper place for pedestrians,—but her face was cut most terribly, and she was insensible for some time. I have since seen the wounds, and I am amazed that no arrests were made.

Was this a case of law enforcement? What I and others saw could be plainly seen by Prohibition Inspector Phillips, who was on the street when I was and who could see (if his eyes were open for these things) men going very freely into suspected places where only soft drinks are advertised. Surely many convictions might have been secured that day.

Kensington people also tell me of disgraceful orgies even on Sunday nights which can only be attributed to the curse of drink.

I say frankly,—my honest conviction is that the law is not being enforced, and those responsible for present conditions are riding for a very serious fall. I cast my political leanings completely to one side in the face of this temperance question.

Further, when the Temperance Alliance met last spring and went before the Government we hoped for a strong enforcement of the act. I have been very much disappointed so



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I, myself, asked members of the Government privately to let the Alliance know if they intended to dismiss other inspectors, (they had then dismissed Mr. Gough) in order that we might have the privilege of recommending men known to be in sympathy with the Alliance. I do not think the Alliance was consulted about the new men. I know I was not.

Most truly yours,

E. J. RATTEE.

Malpeque, P. E. I., July 24th, 1912.

NOTED FRENCHMAN DYING OF HUNGER.

NEW YORK, July 25.—According to dispatches published here today, Henri Fabre, a noted French poet and scientist, whom Victor Hugo described as "the insects Homer" is dying of hunger in Provence, neglected and well nigh forgotten by his beloved France. Fabre is 88 years old. He has been nearly sightless for some time, it is said. Darwin called Fabre, one of the greatest of the world's chosen men.

The Frenchman devoted his life to the study of insects and their habits, but he was not a scientist alone, for he had the soul of a poet. He spent weeks, months, and even years, in minutely observing the habits of insects. The result of these observations he combined, not in mere text books, but in prose of majestic simplicity, which reads like a poem of nature. It has been observed that it was Fabre who rendered possible such works as Maeterlinck's "Life of the Bee" and Roseland's "Chanteclair." Where others dissected, he observed and learned the secrets of the insects.

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My mare, a very valuable one, was badly bruised and cut by being caught in a wire fence. Some of the wounds would not heal, although I tried many different medicines. Dr. Bell advised me to use MINARD'S LINIMENT, diluted at first, then stronger as the sores began to look better, until after three weeks, the sores have healed, and best of all, the hair is growing well, and is NOT WHITE as is most always the case in horse wounds.

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